

Come  
out  
and  
play



# 2003-4

## Public Use Guide



[sfwmd.gov](http://sfwmd.gov)

### Public Use Guide

For many years the South Florida Water Management District has encouraged recreational use of its lands and water storage areas. Numerous recreational facilities have been developed in cooperation with agencies, the federal government, counties, municipalities and the public. With passage of the Florida Resources Rivers Act in 1971, the District initiated a major land acquisition program designed to secure and protect its water resources for the benefit of existing and future generations. To date, the District has acquired over 100,000 acres of land. This legislation (popularly known as the "Rivers Act") has been a major factor in the development of the District's recreational facilities.



# Special Use Application & License

See page 60 for the Special Use Form\* (#0830) or  
call the office nearest you shown in the map below.

If you need further assistance, call or write the District at:

**SFWMD**  
**Land Stewardship Division**  
**P.O. Box 24680**  
**West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680**  
**(561) 686-8800**  
**FL WATS 1-800-432-2045**  
**Online: ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html))**

\* See page 54 for a definition of this form.

**South Florida Water Management District  
SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND LICENSE**

*(To be completed by Applicant)*

Applicant's Name		
Vehicle License Number		
Drivers License Number		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Telephone Number (including area code)		
Request permission to enter the		
Management Area for the purpose of		
Date(s)	From:	To:
Name of other participating in this activity (if more than one or a group):		

*(for District use only)*

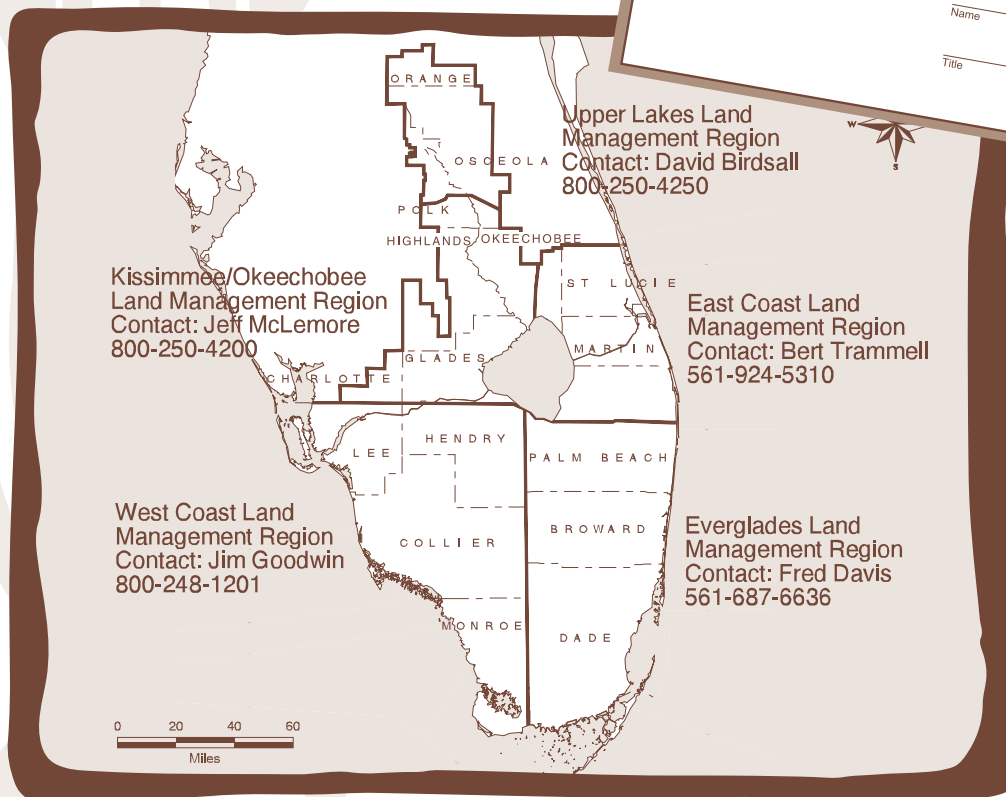
Number in party	
License issued on	
License effective on	
License void on	
Lock combination	

Signature of Authorizing District Official \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Form #0830  
May 2001



**Designated Management Areas — Regional Map**














# Table of Contents

Welcome .....	4
Designated Land Management Areas .....	5

## Special Provisions

<b>Upper Lakes Management Region .....</b>	<b>7</b>
Shingle Creek .....	8
Lake Marion Creek .....	10
Upper Reedy Creek .....	12
Lower Reedy Creek .....	14
Cattfish Creek .....	16
Lake Kissimmee .....	18
<b>Kissimmee/Okeechobee Management Region .....</b>	<b>20</b>
Pool A .....	22
Pool C .....	24
Pool D .....	26
Pool E .....	28
Paradise Run .....	30
<b>East Coast Management Region .....</b>	<b>33</b>
DuPuis .....	34
<b>Everglades Management Region .....</b>	<b>37</b>
Everglades Buffer Strip .....	38
<b>West Coast Management Region .....</b>	<b>41</b>
Nicodemus Slough .....	42
Corkscrew Marsh .....	44
Bird Rookery Swamp .....	46
<b>Public Use on District-Owned Lands Managed by Other Agencies .....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>General Rules and Regulations .....</b>	<b>51</b>

										
Airboating	Bicycling	Boating	Camping	Canoeing	Fishing	Frogging	Hiking	Horseback Riding	Hunting	Nature Study





## Welcome

For many years the South Florida Water Management District has encouraged public recreational use of its canals and water storage areas. Numerous access sites and related recreational facilities have been developed in cooperation with other state agencies, the federal government, counties, municipalities and the private sector.

With passage of the Florida Resource Rivers Act in 1981, the District embarked on a major land acquisition program designed to secure and protect vital water resource lands for the benefit of existing and future generations. To date, the District has acquired 315,000 acres pursuant to this legislation (popularly referred to as the Save Our Rivers program). The Florida Legislature has mandated that these lands be managed and maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and made available to the public for a variety of outdoor recreational activities, consistent with their suitability for these uses and their environmental sensitivity.

Proper regulation of public use is essential to protect the natural and cultural resources of these lands and to avoid conflicts between users and user groups. To this end, the District has adopted a public use rule that sets forth general rules and regulations applicable to all District lands within established management areas. This public use guide has been developed to inform the public about the location of the designated management areas, authorized public uses, and the general rules and regulations as special provisions.

When appropriate, the District solicits the assistance of other agencies, units of local government, and the private sector in the management of selected land areas. The type and extent of assistance provided is set forth in cooperative management agreements. In situations where a cooperating entity, such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has its own rules for a specific tract of land, the District's regulations will supplement those. Care will be taken to avoid incompatible or conflicting rules.

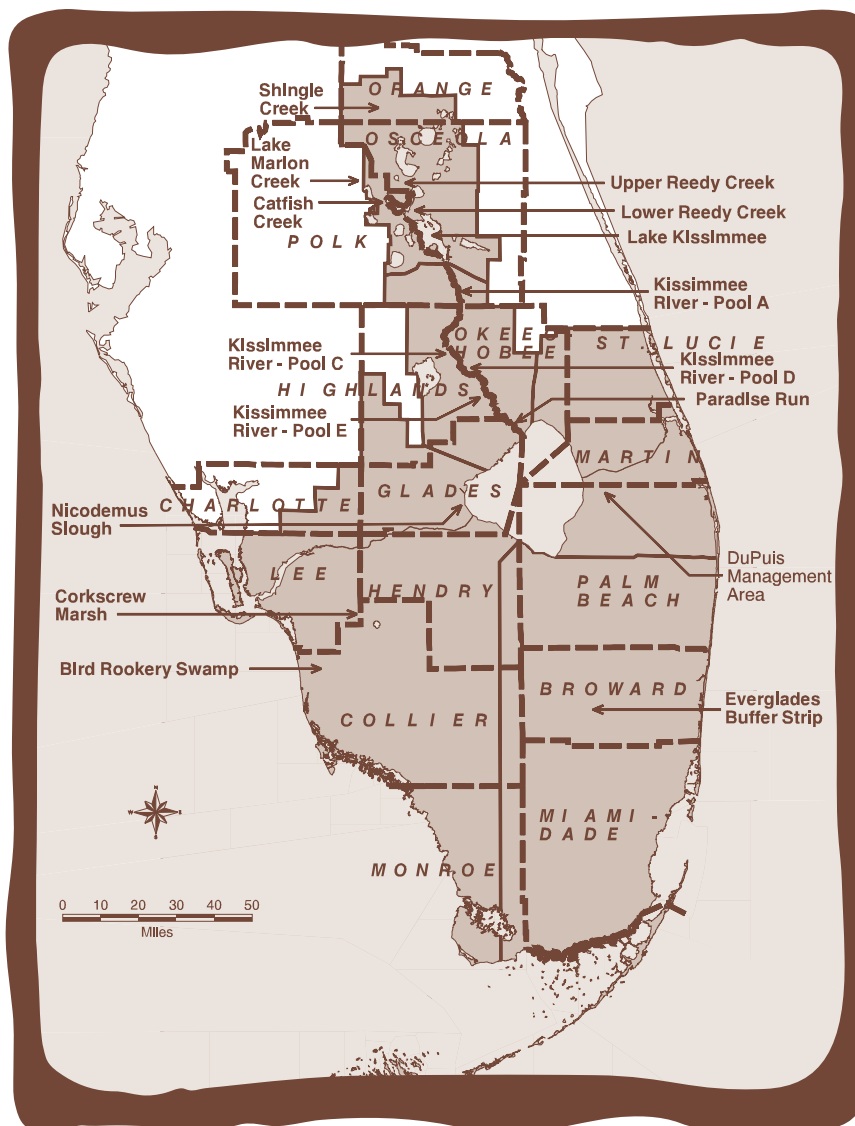
For more information on various recreational uses and specific areas, please visit our web site ([www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).



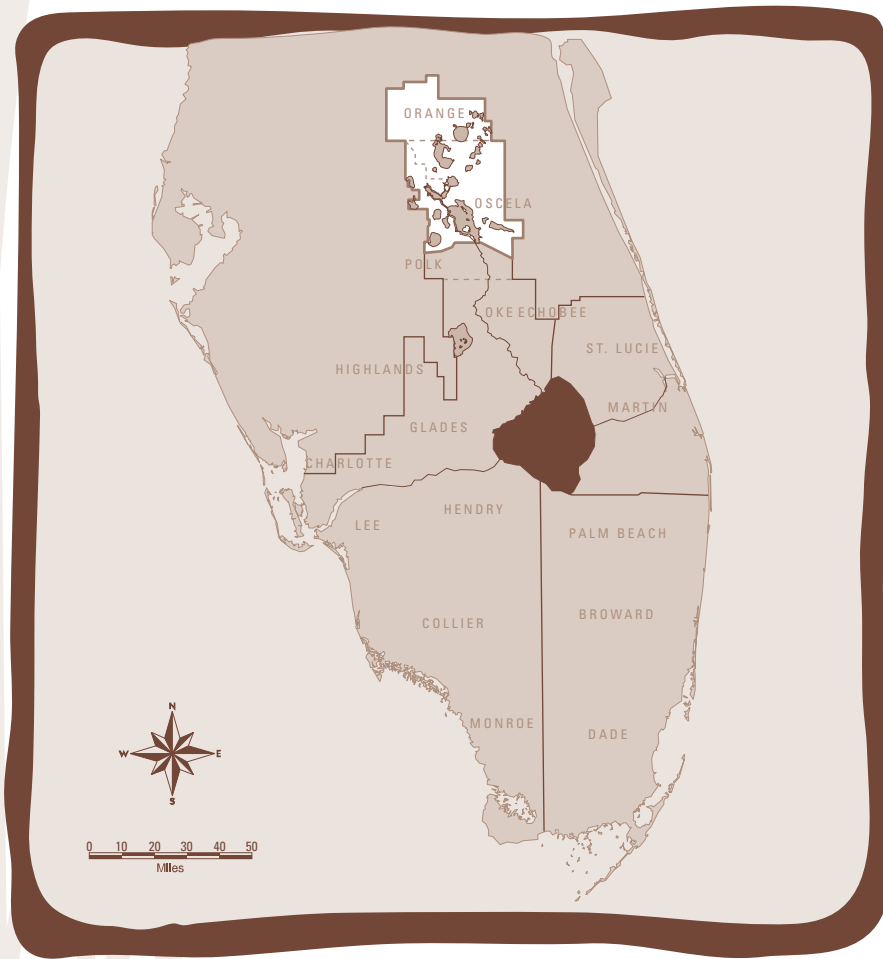
## Designated Land Management Areas

General locations of the land management areas covered by this guide are shown on the map. Maps for individual management areas follow, with general information about the area and the special provisions governing public use.

In addition to the special provisions, District Rule 40E-7, Part V, and the applicable rules and regulations of other federal, state and local agencies having jurisdiction on the management areas will apply.

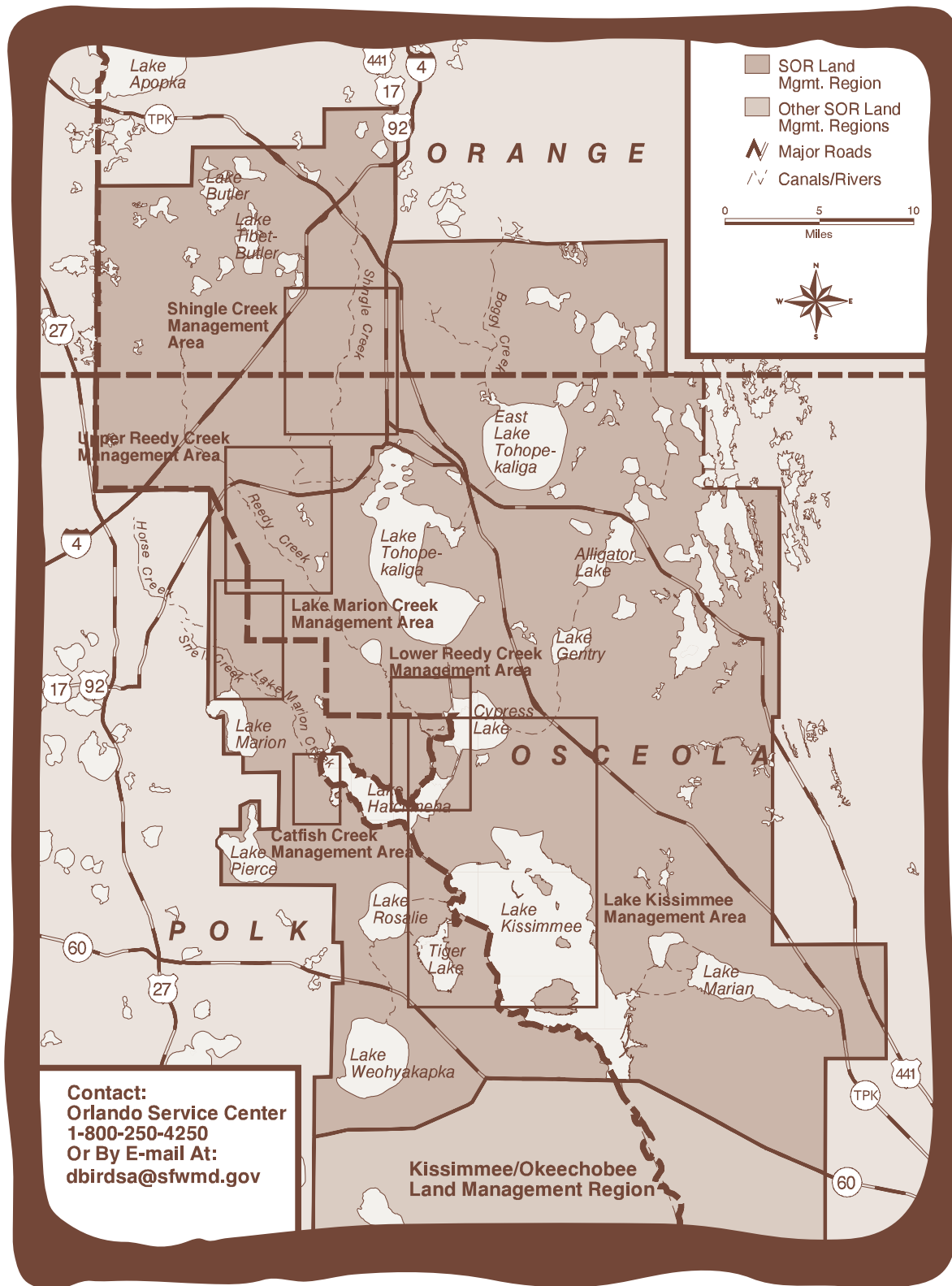


General Location Map



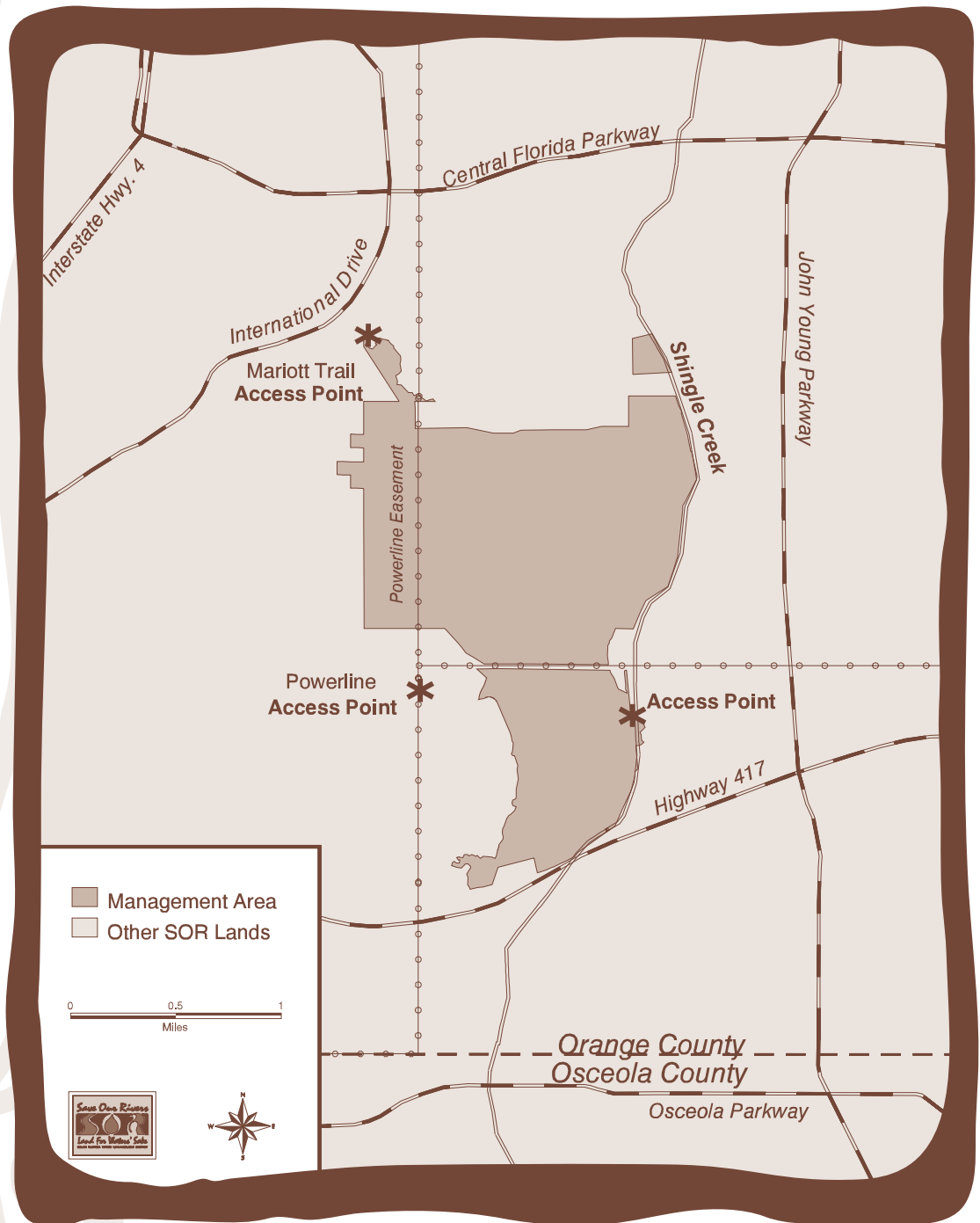


# Upper Lakes Management Region





## Shingle Creek, 1,408 Acres



Orange County





The property comprising the Shingle Creek Management Area was purchased by the District to protect water and other significant natural resources features in Orange and Osceola counties.

A limited use of the area is allowed by entering from three access points: 1) Marriott Trail entrance is 0.6 miles south from Central Florida Parkway/Sea World on International Drive, 2) Hunter's Creek Middle School entrance is 0.5 mile down Town Loop Boulevard from John Young Parkway, and 3) Powerline entrance is behind Hunter's Vista of the Vistas sub-division, approximately 1 mile west on Town Center Boulevard from John Young Parkway.

For further rules, please see special provisions.

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the District's Orlando Service Center at (800) 250-4250 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

### Special Provisions

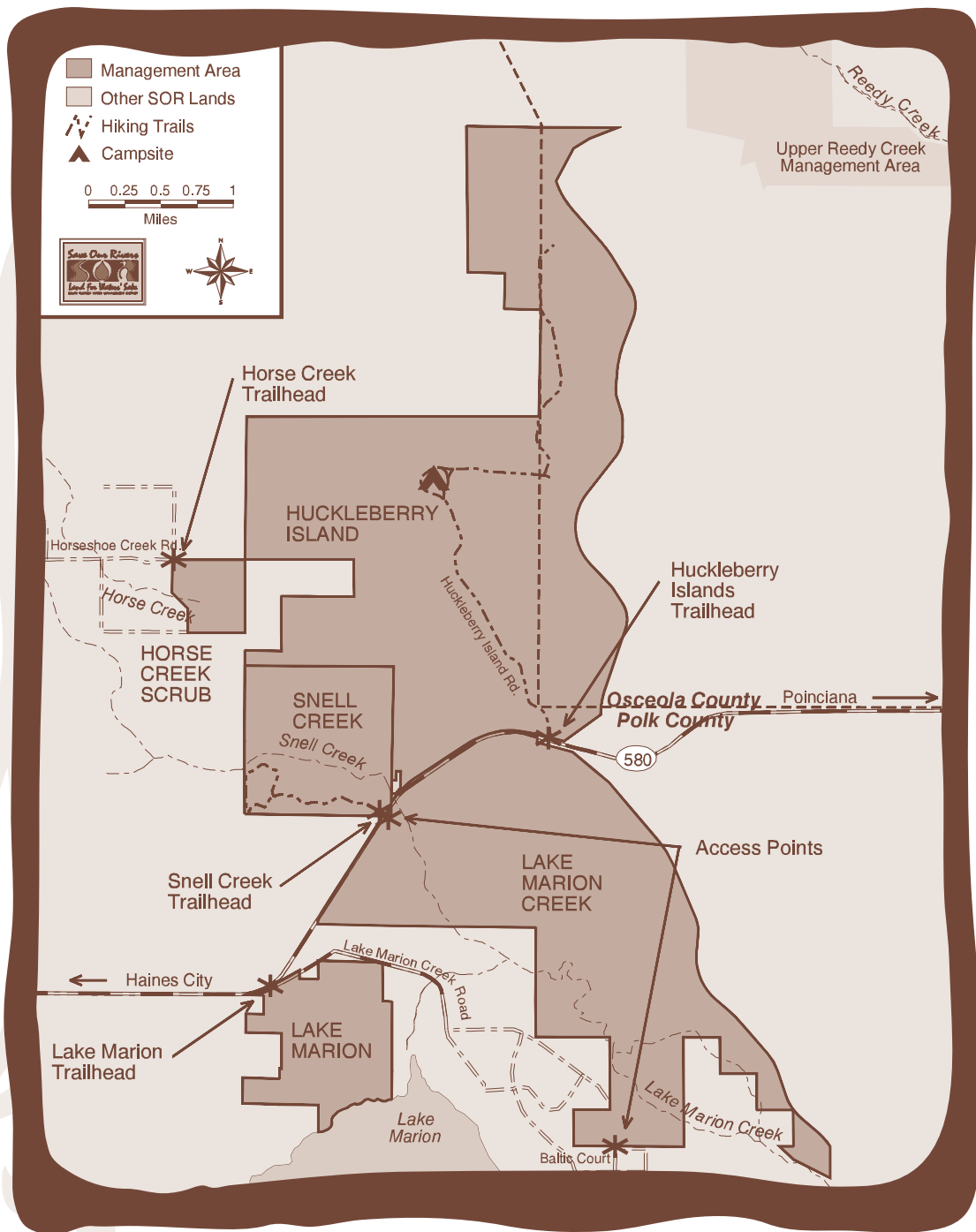
1. Persons may enter the management area at designated access points.
2. The use and possession of a bicycle is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. Camping is prohibited.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. The use and possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

## Upper Lakes Management Region





## Lake Marion Creek, 7,876 Acres



Osceola & Polk Counties



The property comprising Lake Marion Creek Management Area was purchased by the District and Polk County to protect water and other significant natural resources features.

This area is managed as a Type I Wildlife Management Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. For information, please call the Commission, Southwest Regional Office at Lakeland at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Camping is permitted with special use license during non-hunting season.

The area can be accessed from Huckleberry Islands, Snell Creek, Horse Creek and Baltic Court trailheads, which are shown as access points on map.

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the District's Orlando Service Center at (800) 250-4250 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

### Special Provisions

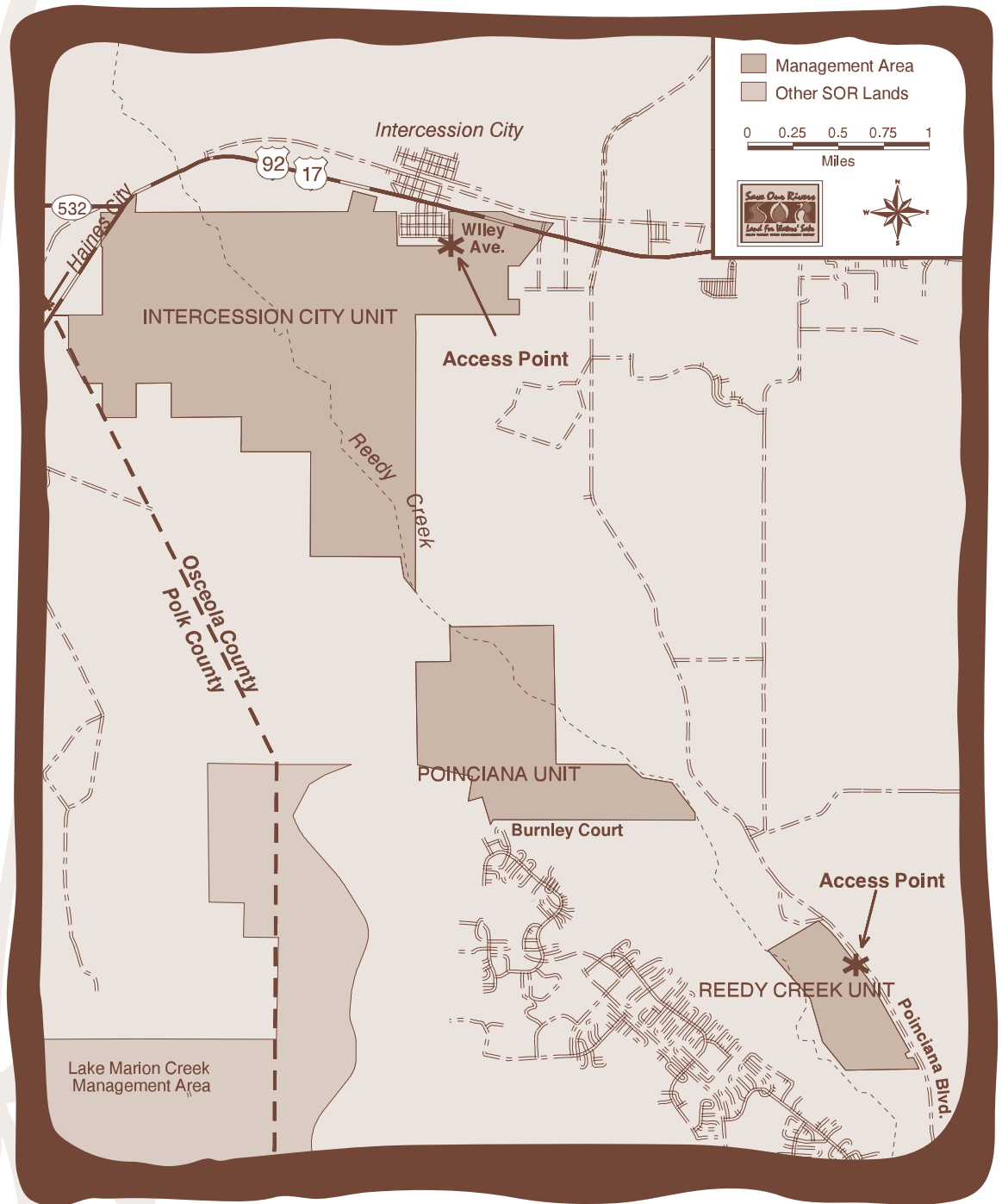
1. Certain public uses of the management area are governed primarily by regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area on foot at designated access points off County Road 580, Horseshoe Creek Road, Lake Marion Creek Road and at Baltic Court. Motorized vehicle access is allowed via Huckleberry Island Road, during the established hunting season.
4. The use or possession of a bicycle is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
5. Overnight camping at designated campsites is permitted, during non-hunting season, only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
6. Airboating is prohibited.
7. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

## Upper Lakes Management Region





## Upper Reedy Creek, 4,454 Acres



Osceola County



The property comprising Upper Reedy Creek Management Area was purchased by the District to protect water and other significant natural resource features.

Upper Reedy Creek Management Area includes Intercession City, Poinciana, and Reedy Creek Management Units.

Public use of the Reedy Creek Unit is governed primarily by Rules of the Osceola County School District and Osceola County Ordinance. For information, please call the Osceola County School District at (407) 847-9108.

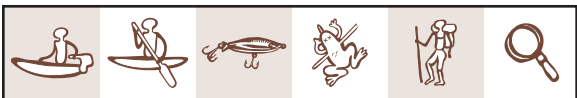
Persons may enter the management area from Poinciana Boulevard to Reedy Creek unit, from Burnley Court to Poinciana unit and to Intercession City unit from Wiley Avenue.

District Public Use Rules (40E-7) are supplemental to Rules of the Osceola County School District and Osceola County ordinances.

**Special Provisions**

1. Persons may enter the management unit on foot at the designated access point on Poinciana Boulevard.
2. Hunting is prohibited.
3. Airboating is prohibited.
4. Overnight camping is prohibited.
5. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.
6. The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.

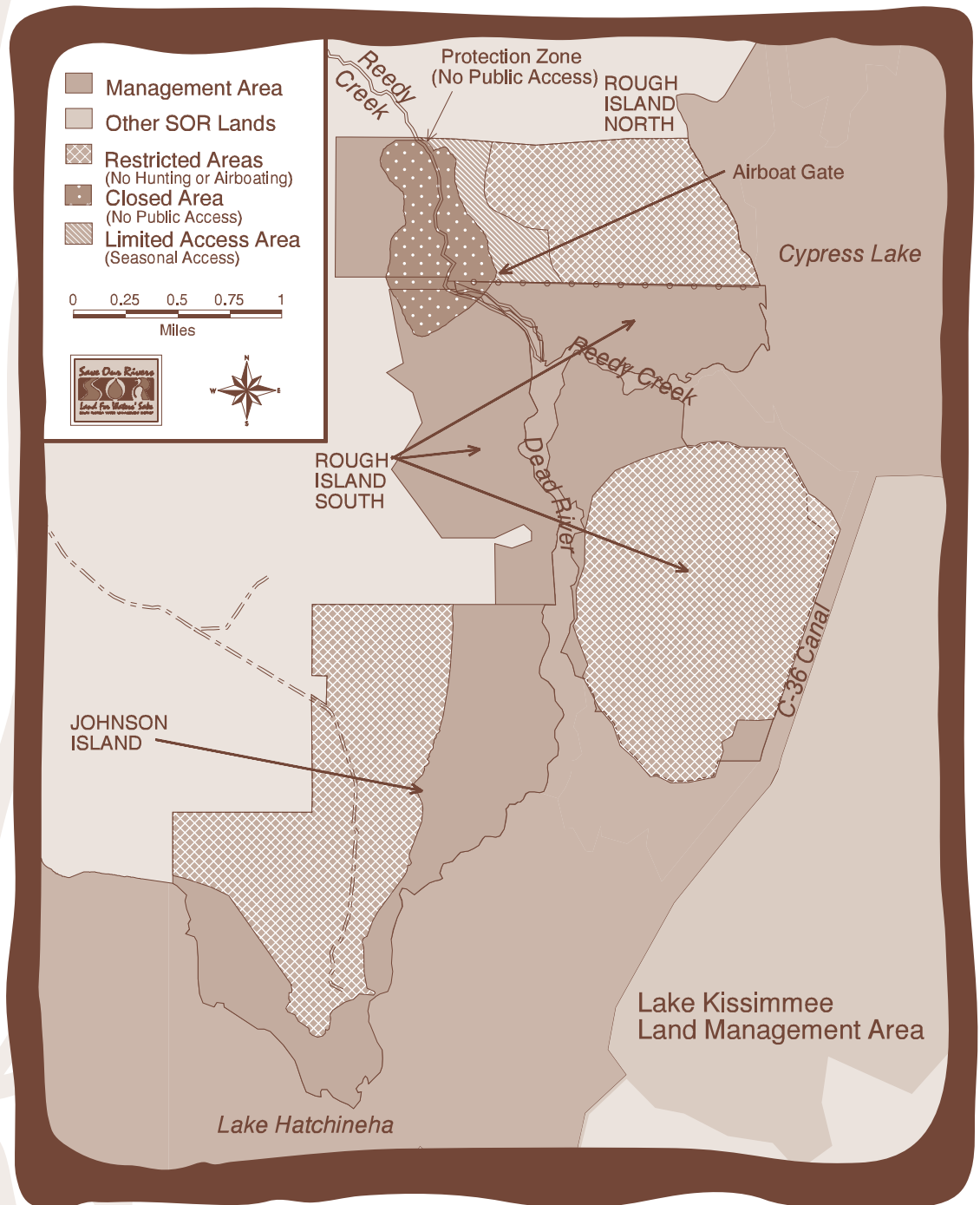
**Upper Lakes Management Region**







## Lower Reedy Creek, 4,987 Acres



Osceola & Polk Counties



Properties within the Lower Reedy Creek Management Area were purchased by the District as a feature of the Kissimmee River Restoration project. The units are part of the headwaters of the Kissimmee-Lake Okeechobee-Everglades Ecosystem. Their purchase will serve a critical link in the restoration of the entire watershed.

The Lower Reedy Creek Management Area includes Rough Island North and South, Johnson Island and Lake Russell Management units. Lake Russell unit is managed by Osceola School District and has an Environmental Study Center.

For information on Lake Russell unit, please call Osceola School District at (407) 847-9108.

Persons may enter the management area from Southport Road to Lake Russell Unit and from Lake Hatchineha, Cypress Lake, Dead River, Reedy Creek and C-36 canal for Rough Island and Johnson Island units.

The former owners have retained the right to graze cattle on the Rough Island unit through December 3, 2016.

The clearing of living or dead vegetative material from area waterways require appropriate permits.

A quota of (50) annual Special Use Licenses is issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Any airboat user in Rough Island North must be in possession of a Special Use License while accessing the airboat trail in that area.

No cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the District's Orlando Service Center at (800) 250-4250 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

## Special Provisions

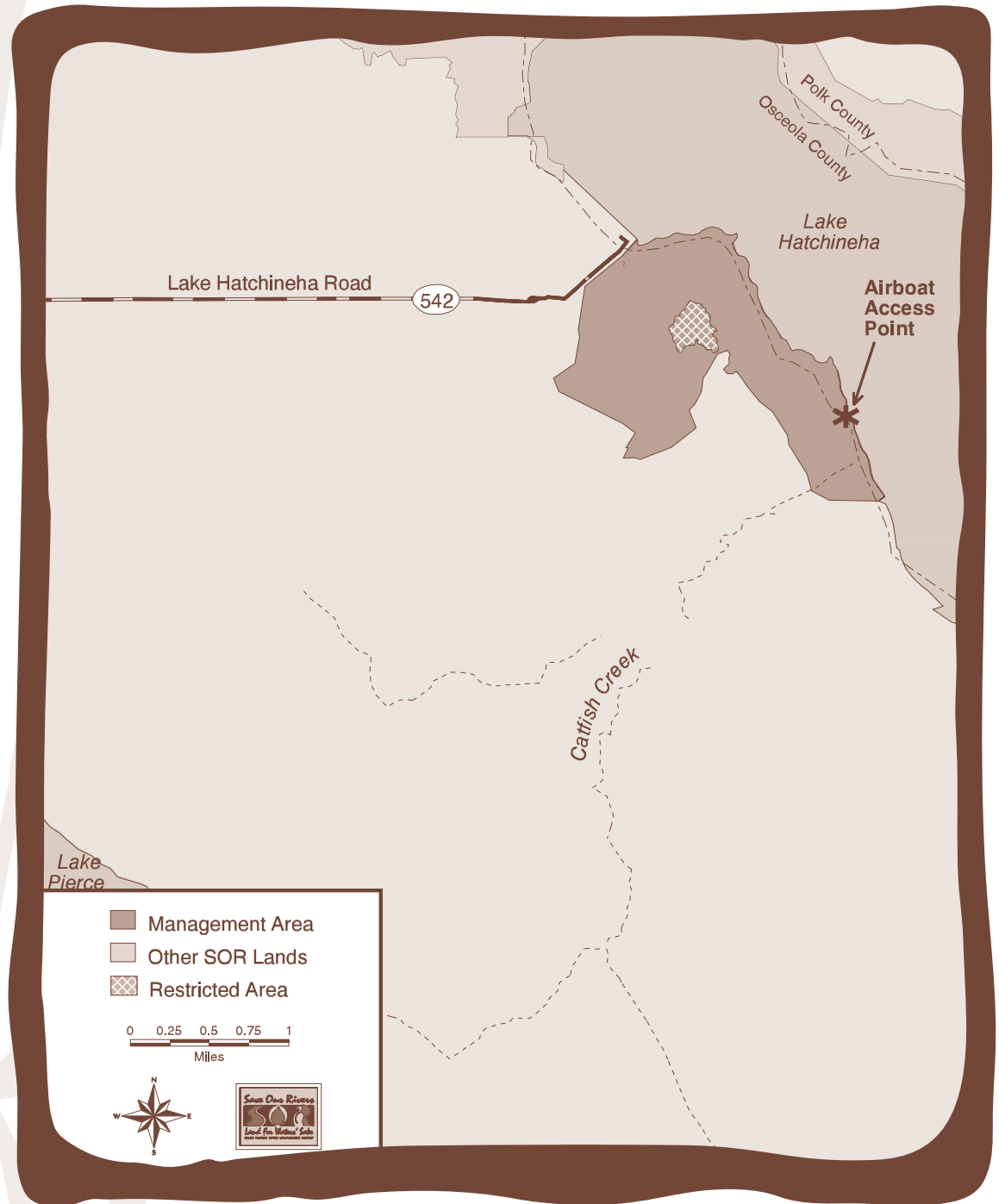
The following special provisions apply to Rough Island North and South and Johnson Island Units:

1. Hunting is prohibited beyond the restricted area signs.
2. Airboating is prohibited beyond the restricted area signs.
3. Foot travel only is permitted beyond the restricted area signs.
4. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.
5. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
6. Notwithstanding provisions 1 through 4 above, all public access is prohibited within the posted closed protection zone generally located above the divergence of Reedy Creek and the Dead River.
7. Seasonal public access to the Rough Island North limited access area is permitted from August 16 to February 14 only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., via the airboat gate. Users of this area must be in possession of a Special Use License. A quota of fifty (50) annual licenses has been established for this area. Annual licenses are available after June 1st of each year.





## Catfish Creek, 958 Acres



Polk County



The property comprising the Catfish Creek Management Area was purchased by the District as a feature of the Kissimmee River Restoration.

Hunting is regulated by state law and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regulations. For information, call FWC at (863) 648-3205.

Access to the area is from Lake Hatchineha.

Camp sites accessible by airboat only will be developed soon.

### Special Provisions

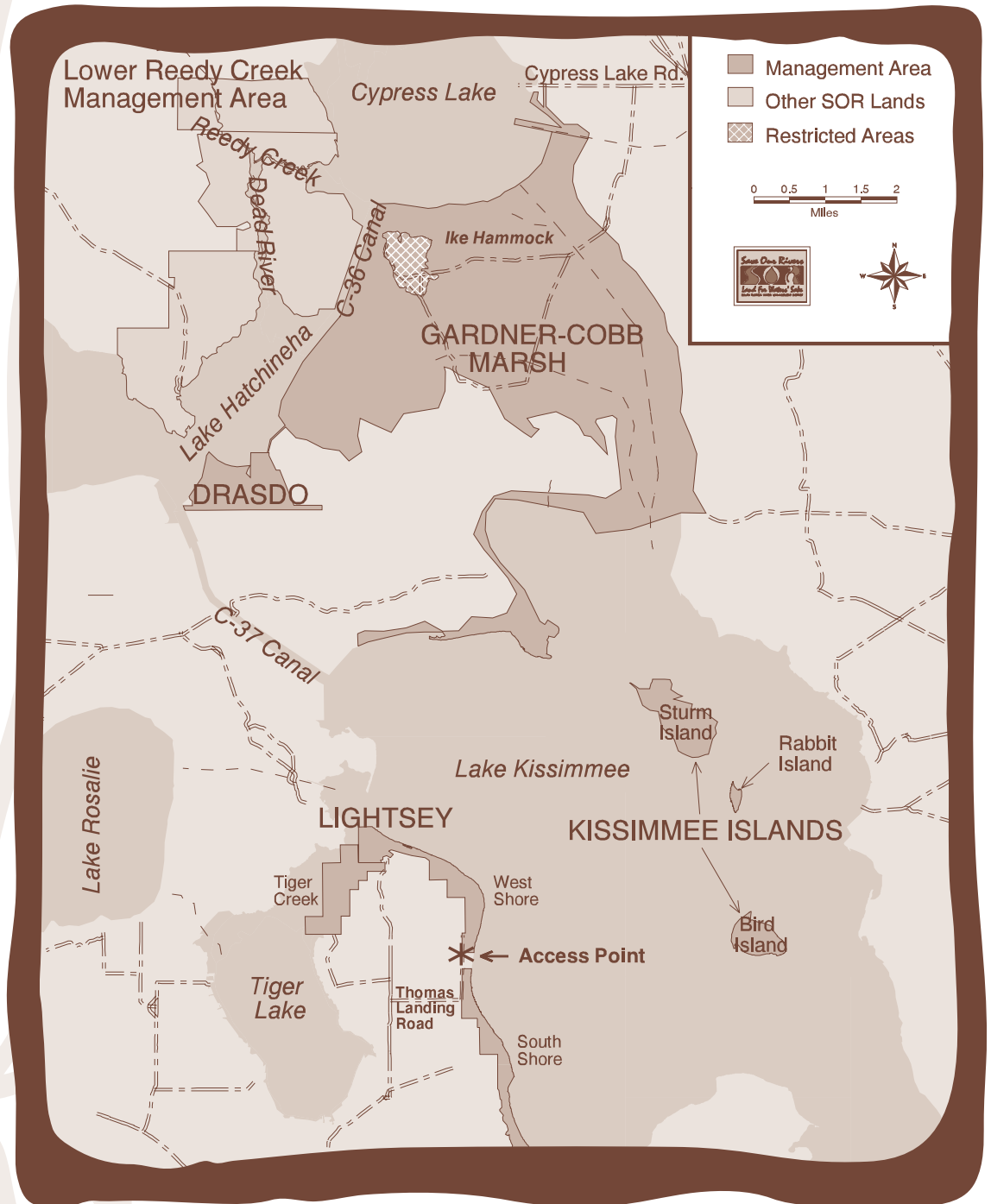
1. Persons shall enter and exit the management area from Lake Hatchineha.
2. Hunting is permitted and regulated by state law and regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Airboating is prohibited only within upland hammock areas and is regulated by state law and Polk County ordinance.
4. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.
5. The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.
6. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited.

## Upper Lakes Management Region





# Lake Kissimmee, 13,224 Acres



Osceola & Polk Counties





The properties comprising the Lake Kissimmee Management Area were purchased by the District as a feature of the Kissimmee River restoration. The units are part of the headwaters of the Kissimmee-Lake Okeechobee-Everglades Ecosystem. Their purchase will serve to protect a critical link in the restoration of this entire watershed.

The Lake Kissimmee Management Area consists of Gardner-Cobb Marsh unit, Drasdo Unit, Kissimmee Islands unit, and Lightsey Unit (Tiger Creek and West Shore sub-units).

West Shore sub-unit can be accessed from Thomas Landing Road, and rest of the area is only accessible by boat/airboat.

Use and possession of bicycle requires a special use license.

The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on the West Shore sub-unit until December 31, 2018.

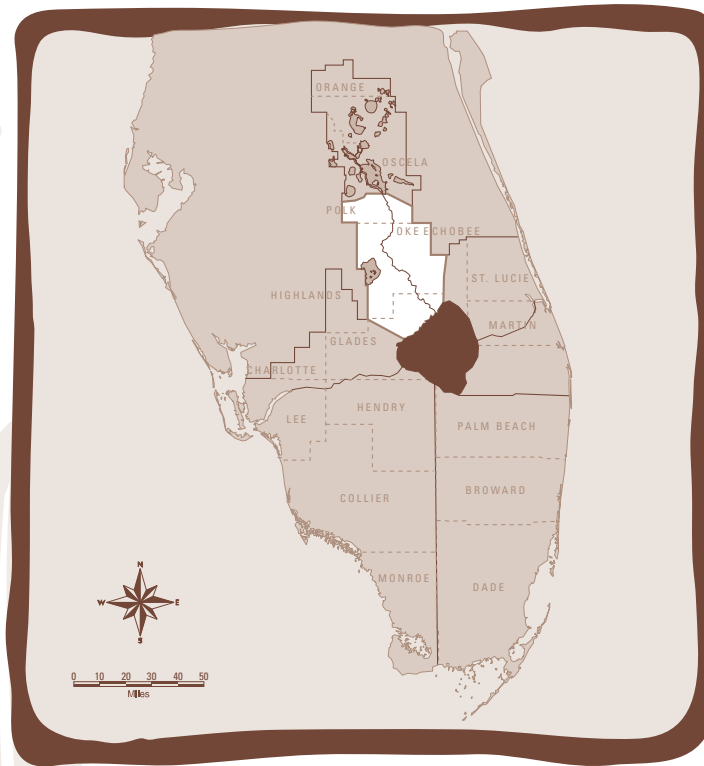
No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the District's Orlando Service Center at (800) 250-4250 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

### Special Provisions

1. Persons may enter the management area from Lake Cypress, Lake Hatchineha, Lake Kissimmee, Canal 36 and from Thomas Landing Road.
2. Airboating is prohibited beyond the restricted area signs, and on or across improved roadways or within hammock areas, except that airboats may cross the main grade at the designated crossing points, in the Gardner Cobb Marsh Unit.
3. The use or possession of a saddle animal is allowed when in the possession of a Special Use License.
4. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited.
5. The use or possession of a bicycle is permitted only when in possession of a Special Use License.
6. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.

## Upper Lakes Management Region





## Kissimmee/Okeechobee Management Region 23,782 Acres

The C-38 canal has been filled between the S65-C structure north to Avon Park Air Force Range and Kissimmee Prairie State Park. The Kissimmee River has been restored to its original course through this stretch.

Properties within the Kissimmee River Management Area were purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the program to restore the Kissimmee River ecosystem.

The Lower Kissimmee River Management Area consists of:

- Pool A Management Unit
- Pool C Management Unit
- Pool D Management Unit
- Pool E Management Unit
- Paradise Run Management Unit

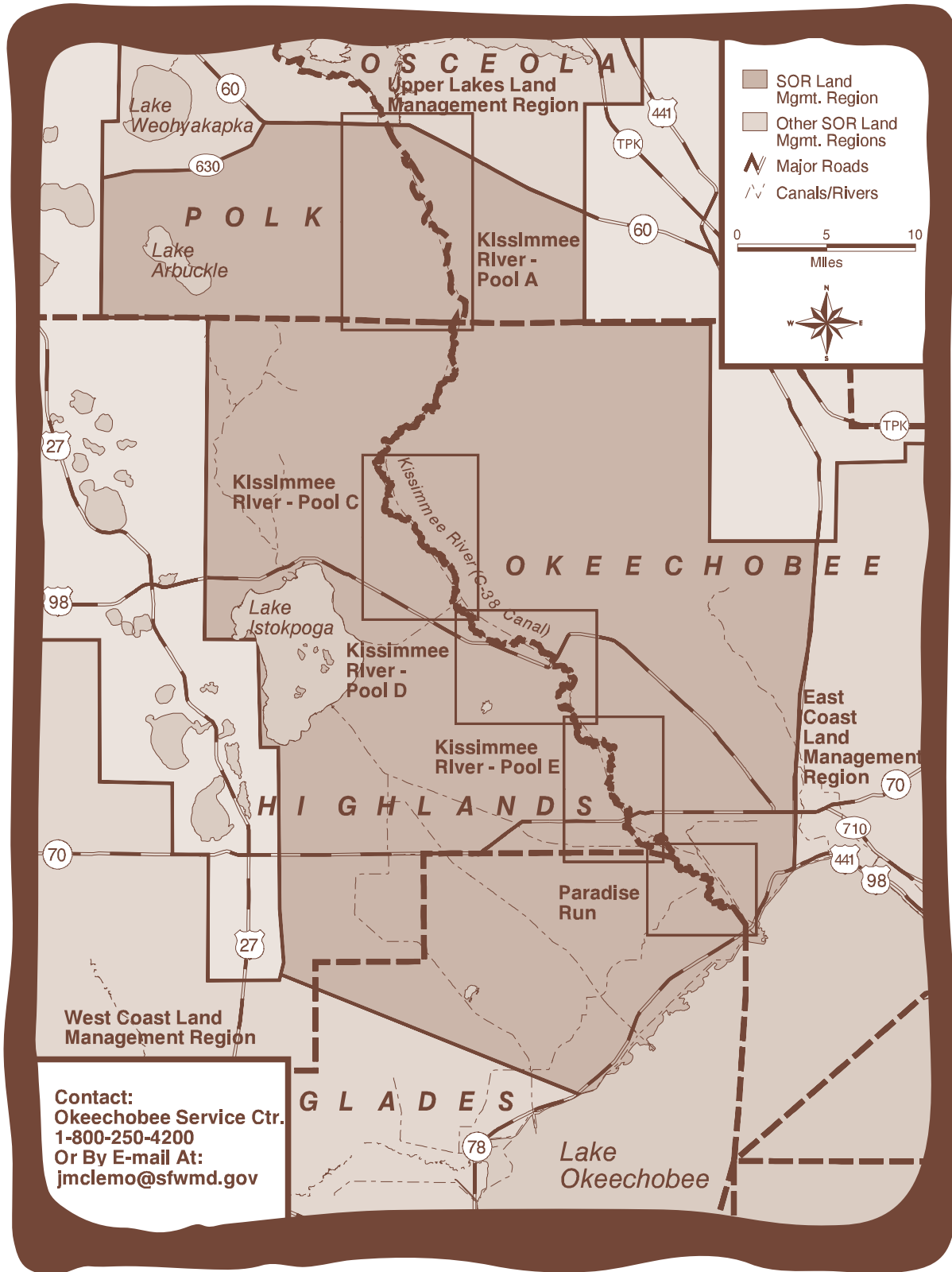
Management assistance in the Kissimmee River Management Areas is provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under an agreement with the District.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife management and Public Use Area rules govern hunting in this area. These areas are identified on maps. Copies of Commission rules may be obtained by writing to: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Southwest Regional Office, 3900 Drane Field Road, Lakeland, Florida 33811 or by calling (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the District's Okeechobee Service Center at (800) 250-4200 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

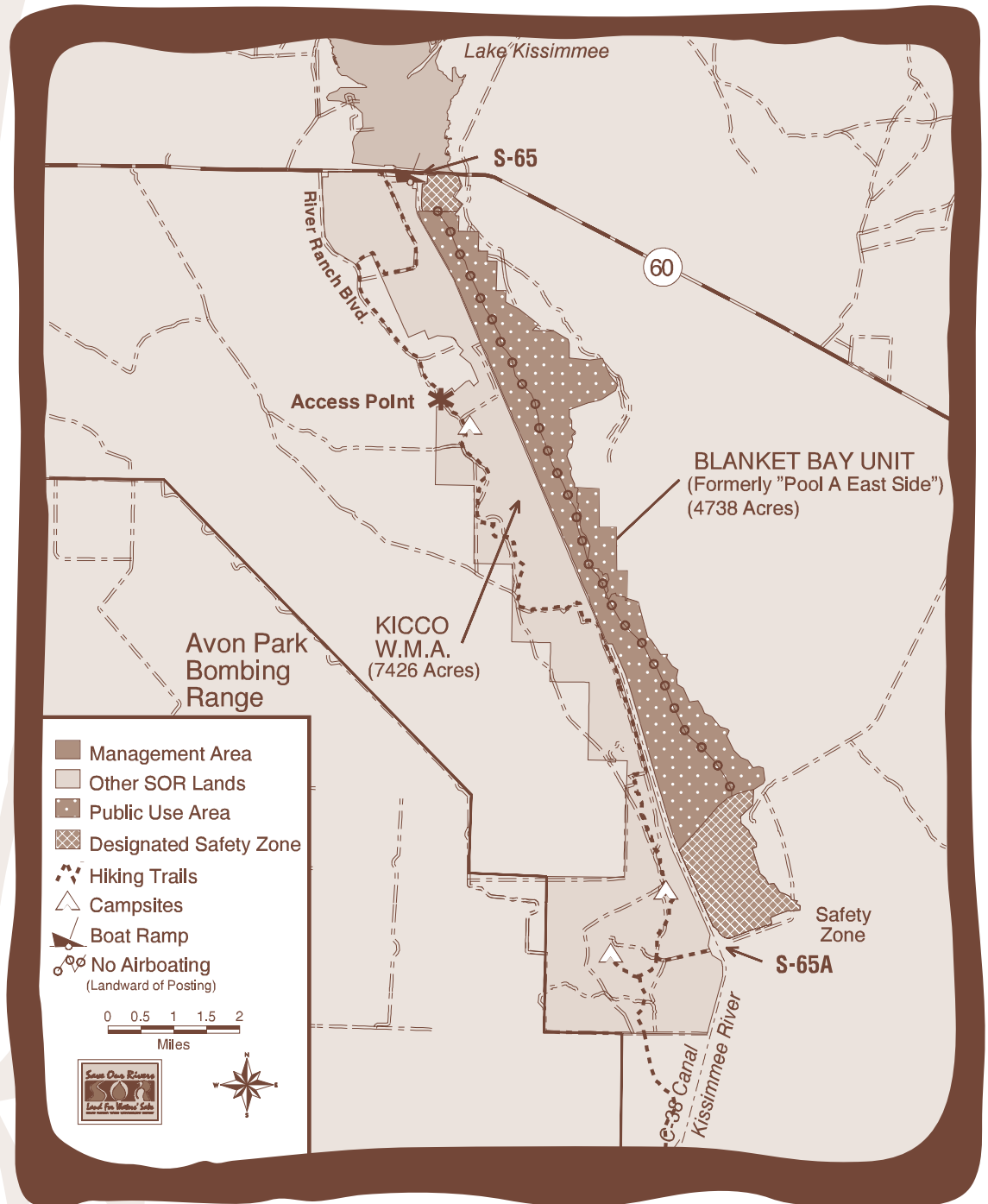


# Kissimmee/Okeechobee Management Region





## Kissimmee River Pool A, 12,164 Acres



Osceola & Polk Counties



The property comprising Pool A was purchased by the District as a feature of the program to restore the Kissimmee River.

Pool A includes the KICCO unit (7,426 acres) and the Blanket Bay unit [old Pool A East Side unit] (4,738 acres).

The Blanket Bay unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.

Public use of the KICCO unit is governed primarily by Type I Wildlife Management Area rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Interim management of the native range on KICCO is being provided by the private sector under a grazing lease.

District Public Use Rules are supplemental to rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Copies of the Commission's regulations may be obtained by writing to: Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission, 3900 Drane Field Road Lakeland, Florida 33811 or by calling (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

For details of District rules on Kicco and Blanket Bay units please see Special Provisions.

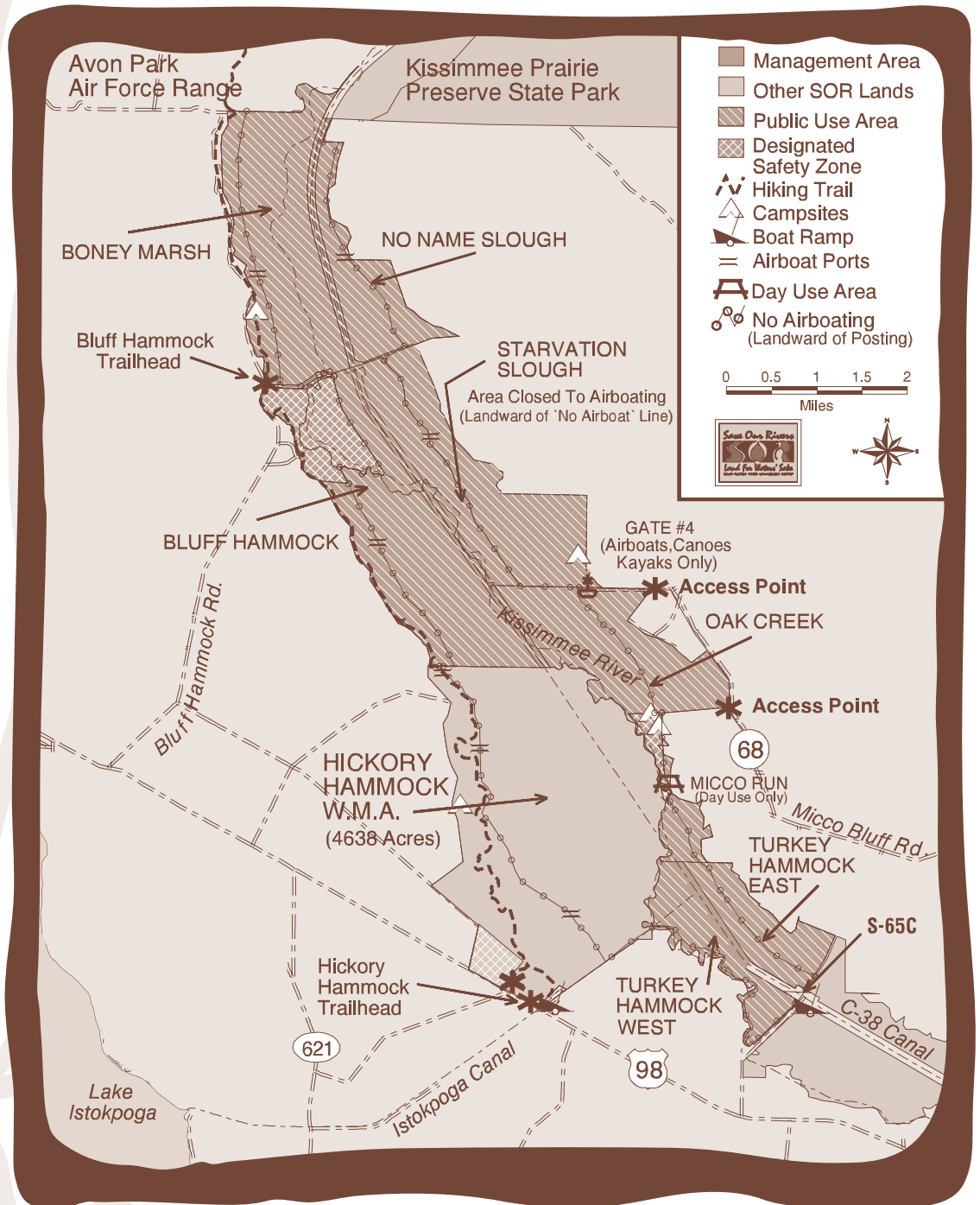
### Special Provisions

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Public Use Area Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Hunting is prohibited within posted safety zones.
5. Hunting is permitted only within areas established as Wildlife Management Areas or Public Use Areas by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
6. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
7. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
9. Bicycling is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
10. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
11. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.





## Kissimmee River Pool C, 14,171 Acres



Highlands & Okeechobee Counties



No Name Slough, Boney Marsh, Bluff Hammock, Oak Creek and Turkey Hammock sub-units are managed as a part of the Kissimmee River Public Use Area and Hickory Hammock Management unit as Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

A portion of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends from Istokpoga Canal to Avon Park Air Force Range.

Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.

For details please see Special Provisions.

#### **No Name Slough sub-unit (608 acres)**

There are no public roads providing access to the sub-unit. Persons may enter the unit from the Kissimmee River.

#### **Boney Marsh sub-unit (1,967 acres)**

A section of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends through the unit.

Persons may enter the management area from any point along C-38 canal, the S-65B Access Road, and from the Avon Park Air Force Range via the Florida National Scenic Trail.

#### **Bluff Hammock sub-unit (2,116 acres)**

The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.

The area can be accessed from Bluff Hammock Road off of Highway 98.

#### **Starvation Slough sub-unit (858 acres)**

There are no public roads providing access to the sub-unit. Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from C-38 canal, the Kissimmee River, and the Oak Creek Management sub-unit.

The sub-unit is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as part of Kissimmee River Public Use Area.

Archery and muzzleloading hunting will be allowed on the upland portion of this sub-unit in the near future. For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

#### **Oak Creek sub-unit (1,804 acres)**

Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from the Kissimmee River, Micco Bluff Road, and the Starvation Slough Management sub-unit.

#### **Hickory Hammock unit (4,638 acres)**

The area is managed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from the Istokpoga Canal, Kissimmee River, C-38 canal, S-65C canal access road, and at the main trailhead off of U.S. Highway 98.

Special Use Licenses issued by the District at no cost may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the Okeechobee Service Center at (800) 250-4200 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

For District rules please see Special Provisions.

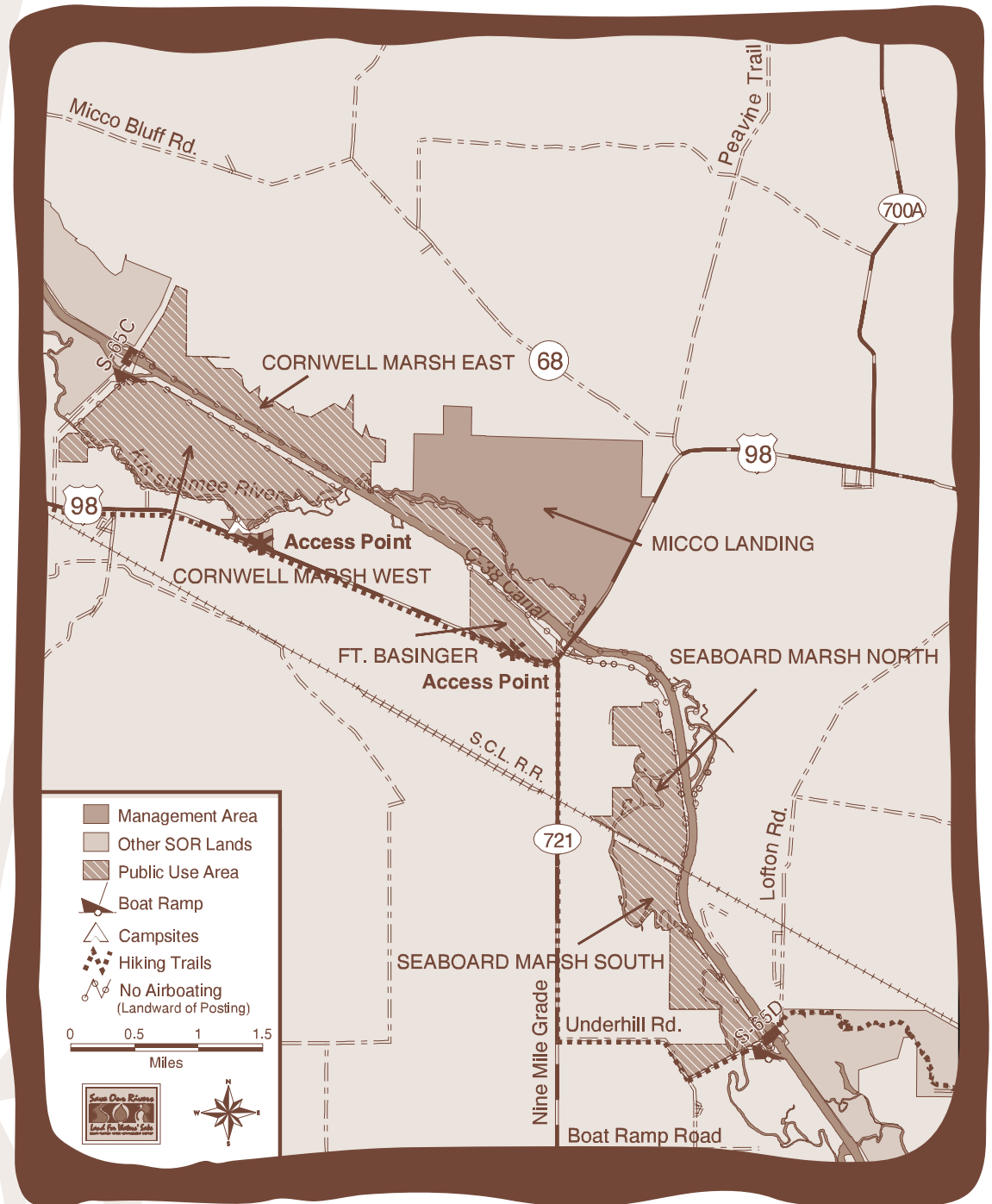
#### **Turkey Hammock sub-units (372 acres)**

Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from C-38 canal or Micco Bluff Road.

For details on District rules, please see Special Provisions on page 23.



## Kissimmee River Pool D, 4,359 Acres



Highlands & Okeechobee Counties



All sub-units of this Management Unit are managed as Kissimmee River Public Use Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For information call FWC office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.

For District rules please see Special Provisions.

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the Okeechobee Service Center at (800) 250-4200 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

### **Cornwell Marsh East sub-unit (463 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal and the Kissimmee River.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Cornwell Marsh West sub-unit (424 acres)**

Persons may enter the management unit from Canal 38, the Kissimmee River, and the S-65C canal access road.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Micco Landing sub-unit (1,550 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit off of U.S. Highway 98, the Kissimmee River and C-38 canal.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Ft. Basinger sub-unit North of Hwy 98 (208 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from State Road 98 or the Kissimmee River.

### **Seaboard Marsh North Sub-unit (338 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal, the Kissimmee River and from adjacent management units/sub-units.

### **Seaboard Marsh South sub-Unit (510 acres)**

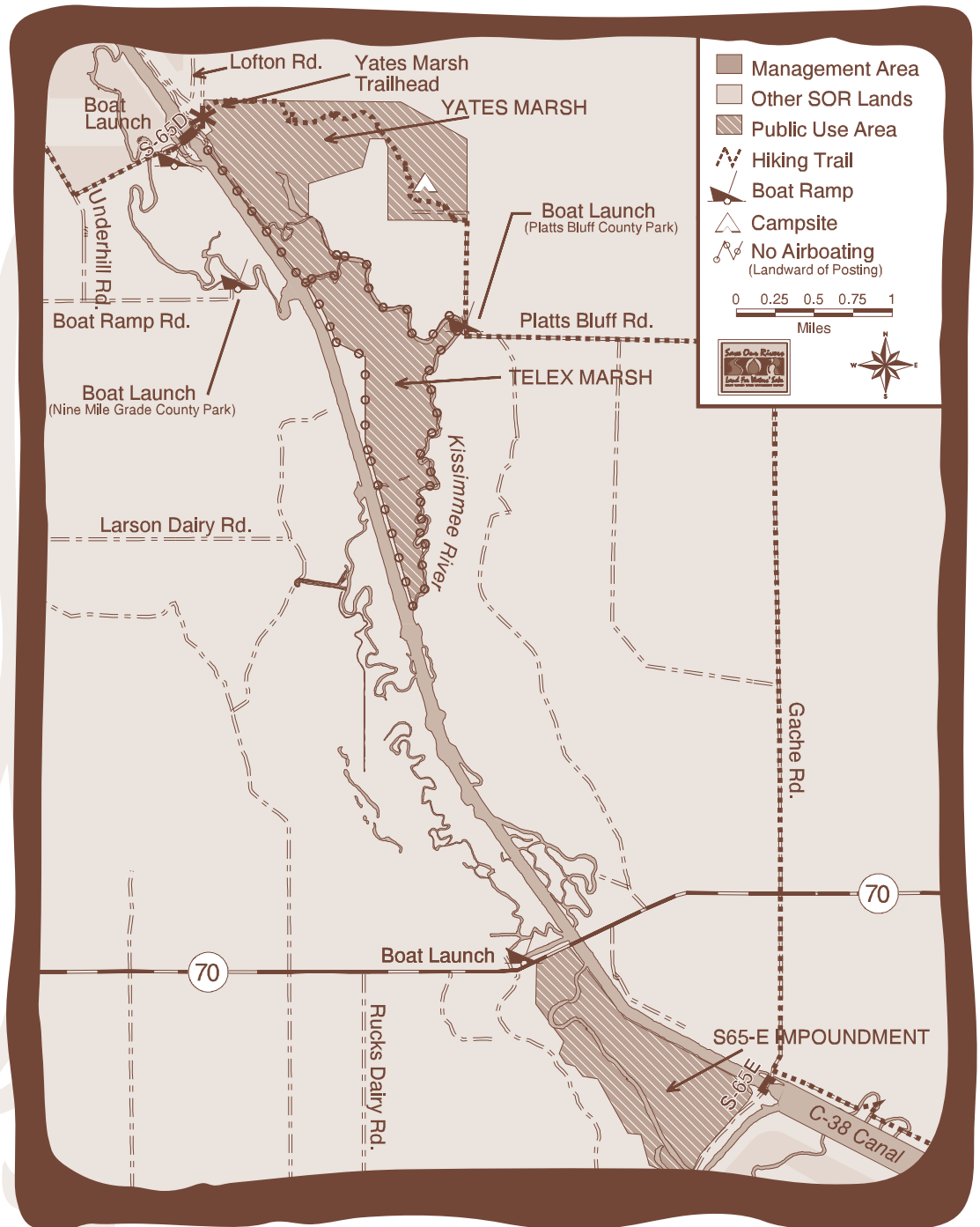
Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal, the Kissimmee River, Underhill Road and the S-65D access road.

### **Special Provisions**

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Public Use Area Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Hunting is prohibited within posted safety zones.
5. Hunting is permitted only within areas established as Wildlife Management Areas or Public Use Areas by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
6. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
7. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
9. Bicycling is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
10. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
11. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.



# Kissimmee River Pool E, 1,725 Acres



Highlands & Okeechobee Counties





All sub-units of this unit are managed for hunting under the Kissimmee River Public Use Area rules by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the Okeechobee Service Center at (800) 250-4200 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

For District rules, please see Special Provisions.

#### **Yates Marsh sub-unit (700 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from Platt's Bluff Road, Lofton Road, the Kissimmee River, and C-38 canal.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

#### **Telex Marsh sub-unit (488 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal and the Kissimmee River.

#### **S-65E Impoundment sub-unit (537 acres)**

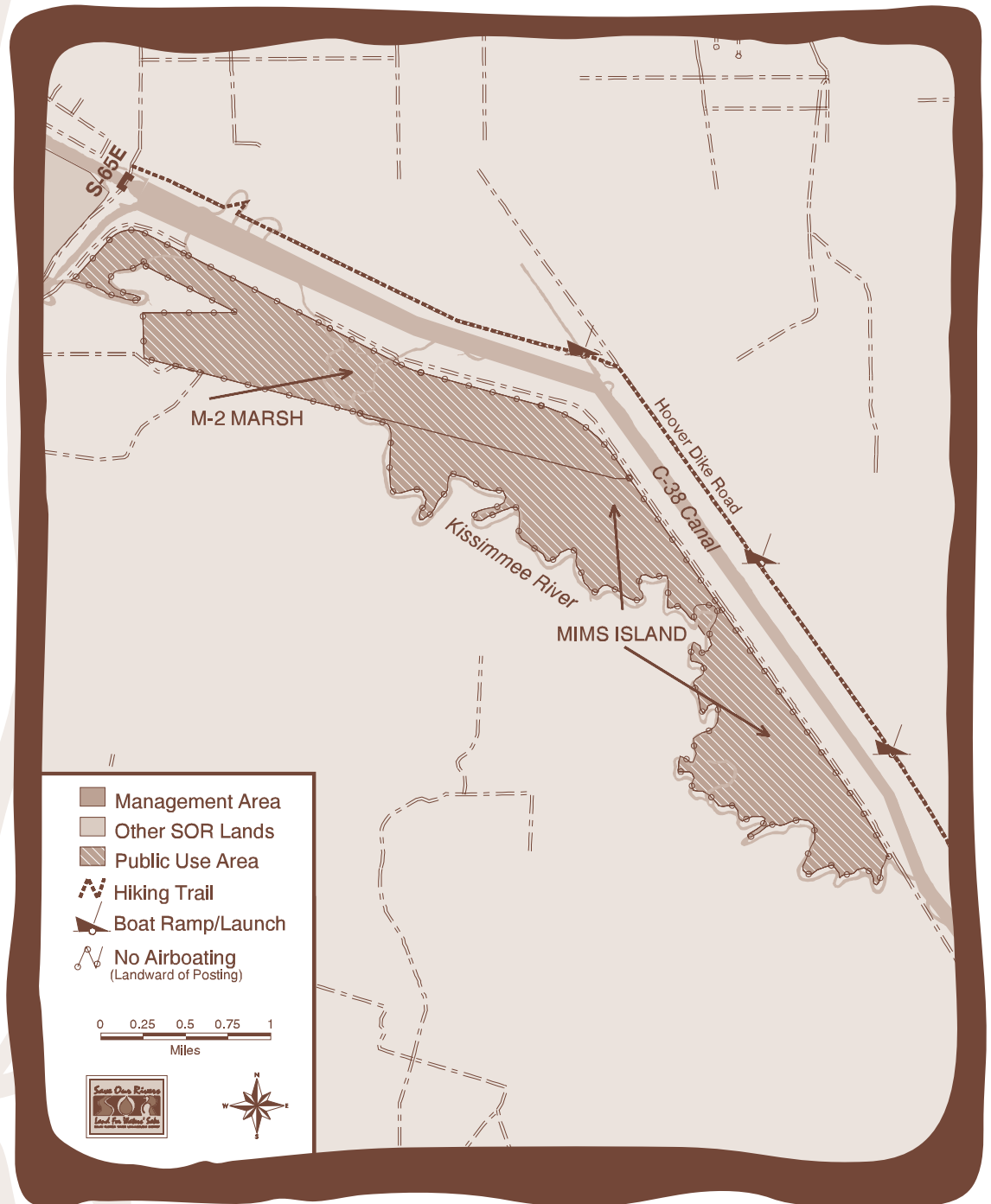
Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal, C-41A canal and the Kissimmee River.

### **Special Provisions**

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Public Use Area Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Hunting is prohibited within posted safety zones.
5. Hunting is permitted only within areas established as Wildlife Management Areas or Public Use Areas by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
6. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
7. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
9. Bicycling is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
10. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
11. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.



## Paradise Run, 1,820 Acres



Highlands, Glades & Okeechobee Counties



This management unit consists of M-2 Marsh (316 acres) and Mims Island (1,504 acres) sub-units.

These sub-units are managed as part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission — Kissimmee River Public Use Area.

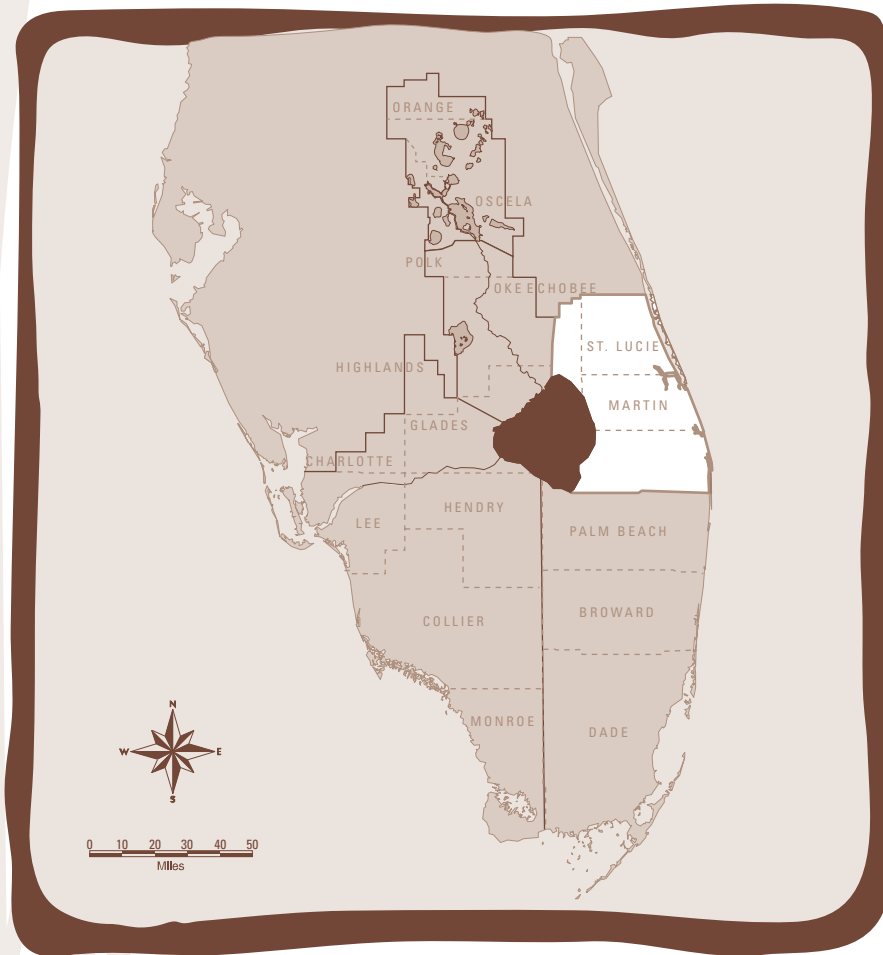
Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules. For information call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Persons may enter both sub-units from C-38 canal and the Kissimmee River.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on these sub-units.

### Special Provisions

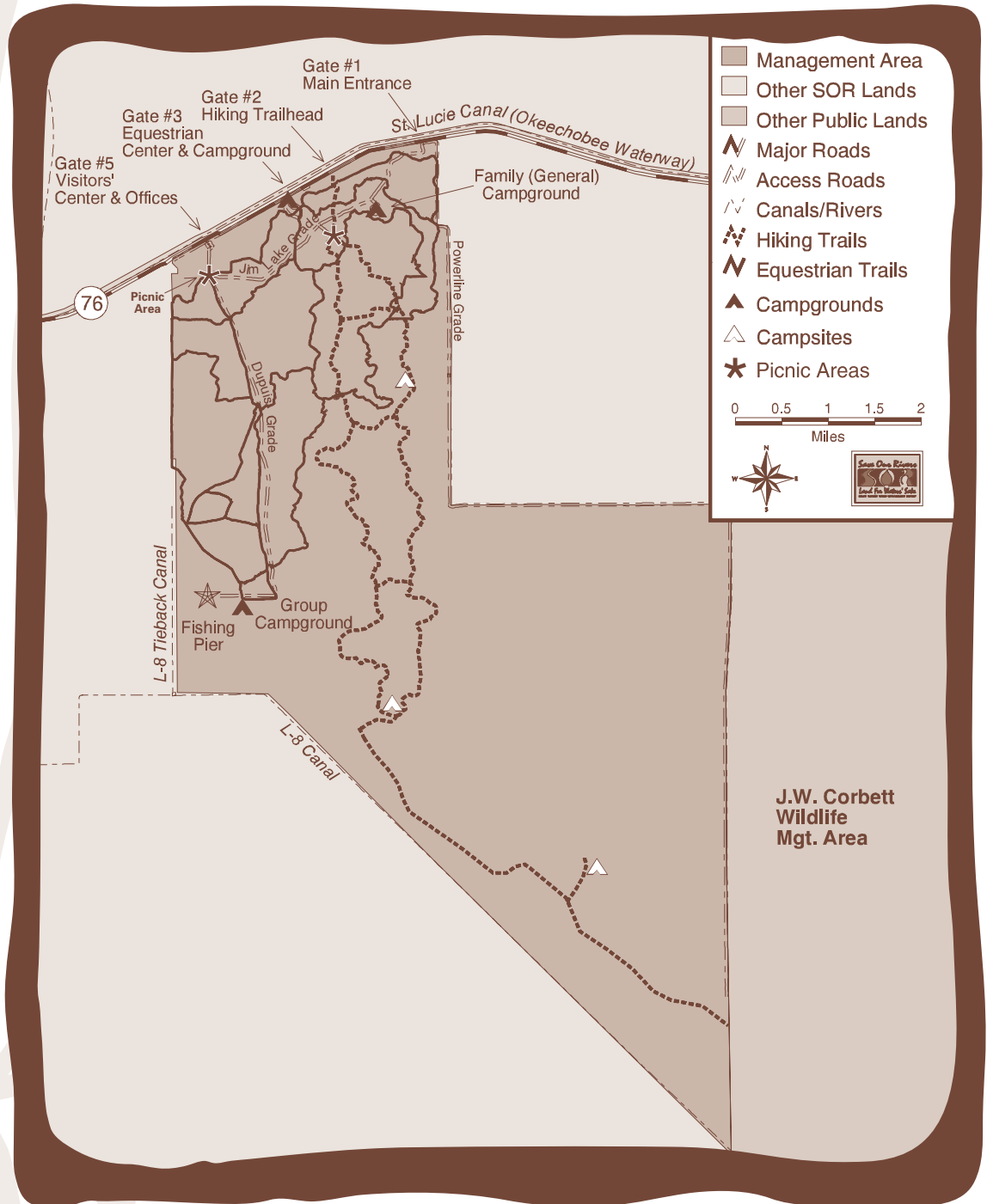
1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Public Use Area Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Hunting is prohibited within posted safety zones.
5. Hunting is permitted only within areas established as Wildlife Management Areas or Public Use Areas by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
6. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
7. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
9. Bicycling is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
10. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
11. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.







## DuPuis, 21,875 Acres



Palm Beach & Martin Counties





The District is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the management area. Call (561) 924-5310 for more information.

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the DuPuis office at 561-924-5310 or write to DuPuis Office, 23500 S.W. Kanner Highway, Canal Point, FL 33438 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)) for special use form.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is responsible for wildlife management and the rules of public hunting. Rules for public hunting may be obtained by writing to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 8535 Northlake Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33412 or by calling (561) 625-5122 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>).

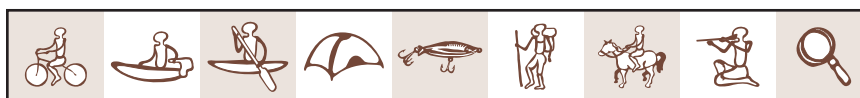
The area is closed for other uses during a portion of hunting seasons.

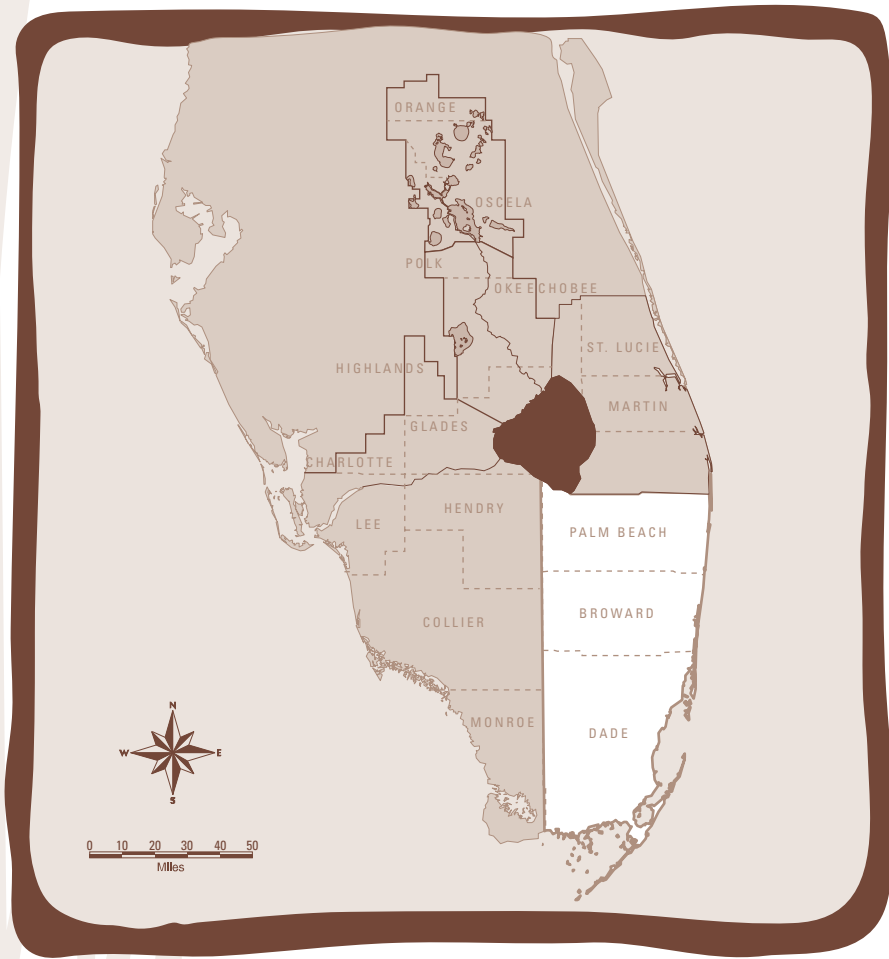
Hiking and equestrian trails have been developed by the Florida Trail Association and the DuPuis Horsemen's Association in cooperation with the District.

A small fee is required for entering the DuPuis area and using camping and equestrian facilities.

## Special Provisions

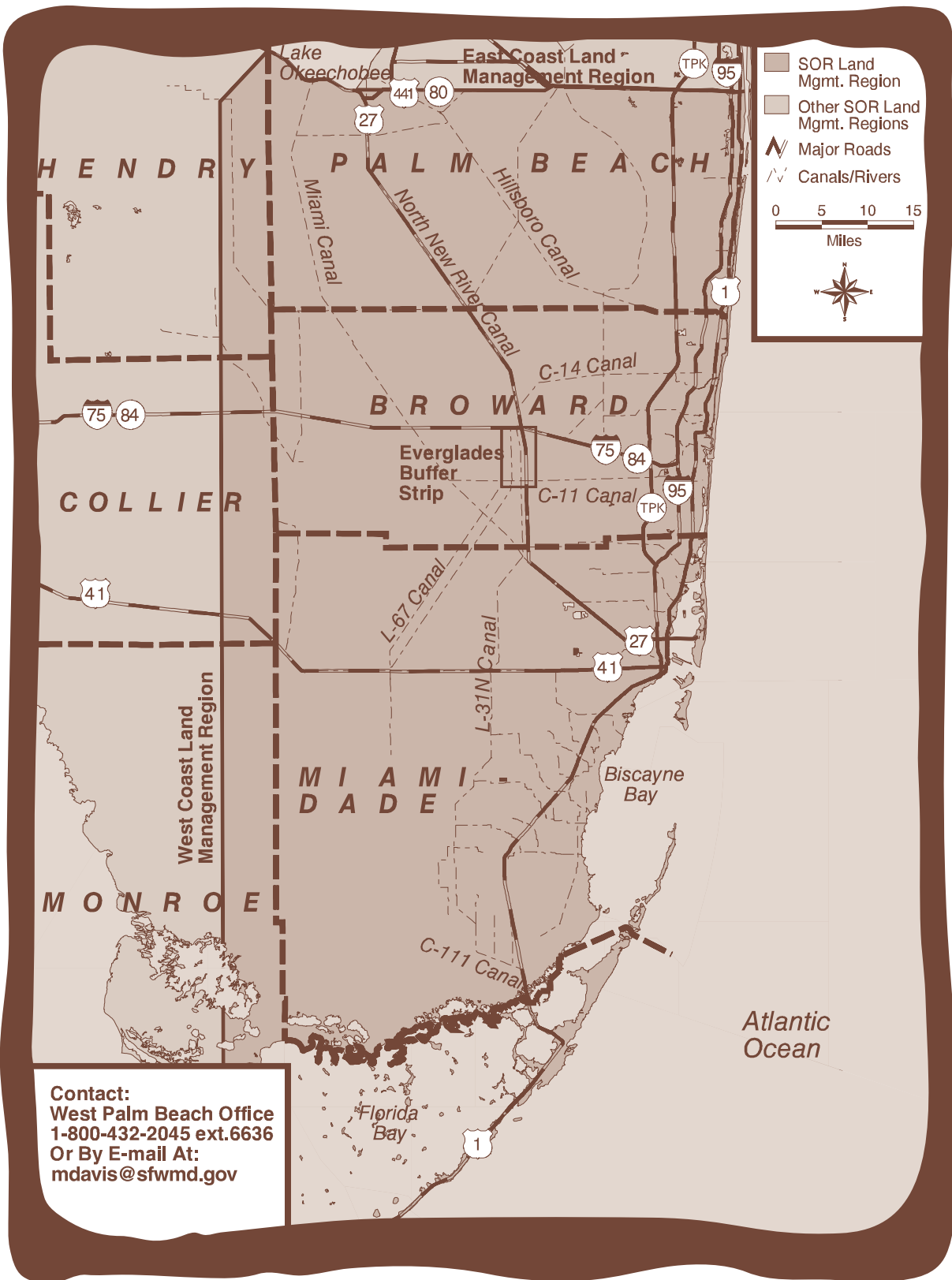
1. Certain public uses of the management area are governed by regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. The use or possession of saddle animals is restricted to the equestrian center, designated equestrian trails, and named or numbered roads.
4. Use of the DuPuis Management Area is restricted during hunting periods authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. Frogging is prohibited.
7. Motorized vehicles, horse buggies and bicycles are allowed on named and numbered roads and designated parking areas only.
8. The use of off road vehicles is restricted to the designated disabled hunt in accordance with Commission Regulations.
9. User registration is required to enter and use the DuPuis Management Area. Self-serve registration stations are located at the designated entry points; gates 1, 2, and 3.
10. No dogs are allowed on DuPuis except as authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
11. Camping at the family campsite:
  1. Is only allowed at designated campsites.
  2. Only tent camping or tent popup camping is allowed.
  3. A maximum of 8 people and 2 vehicles are allowed per campsite.
  4. Generators are not allowed.
12. The use of the group campsite is available by Special Use License.
13. Camping is not allowed at the Governor's House.





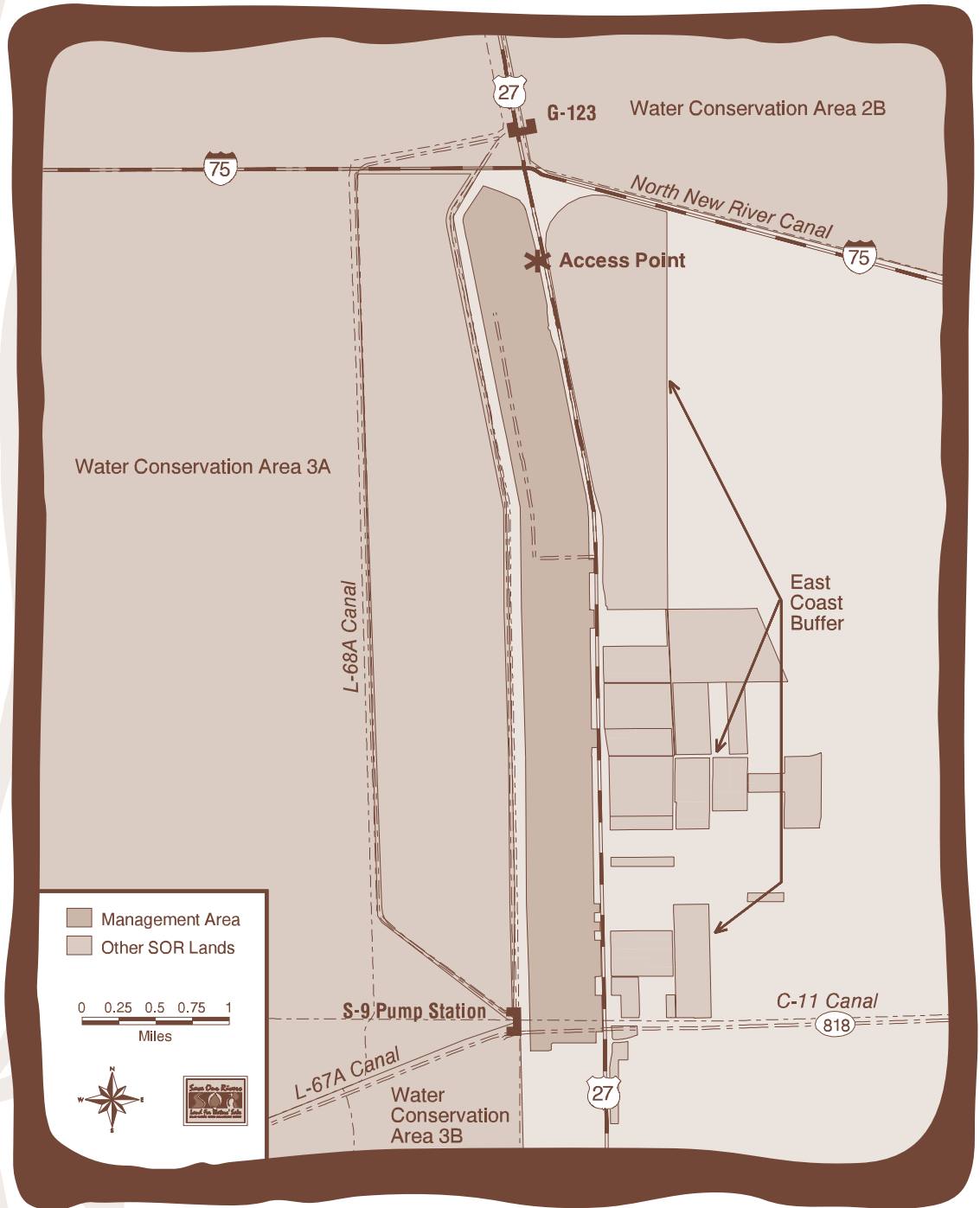


# Everglades Management Region





## Everglades Buffer Strip, 1,200 Acres



Broward County



The property comprising the Everglades Buffer Strip was purchased by the District and Broward County to accommodate seepage resulting from the operation of Water Conservation Area 3.

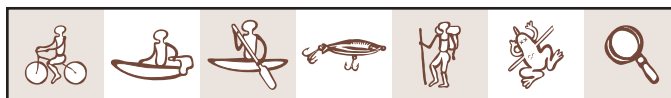
The management area comprises the portion of the Buffer Strip lying between C-11 canal and I-75.

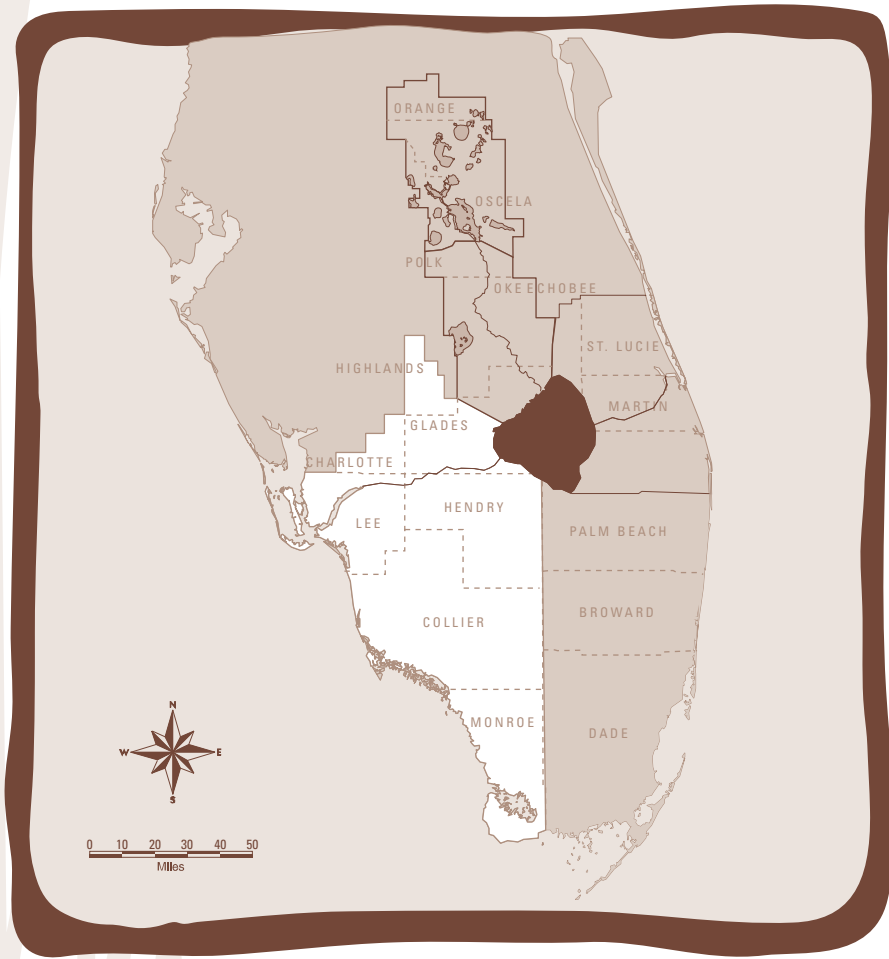
A public access point has been established approximately 1 mile south of I-75 on US 27.

### Special Provisions

1. Persons may enter the management area on foot from U.S. Highway 27 or along the existing FP&L access road at the north end of the area.
2. Overnight camping is prohibited.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. Horseback riding is prohibited.

## Everglades Management Region

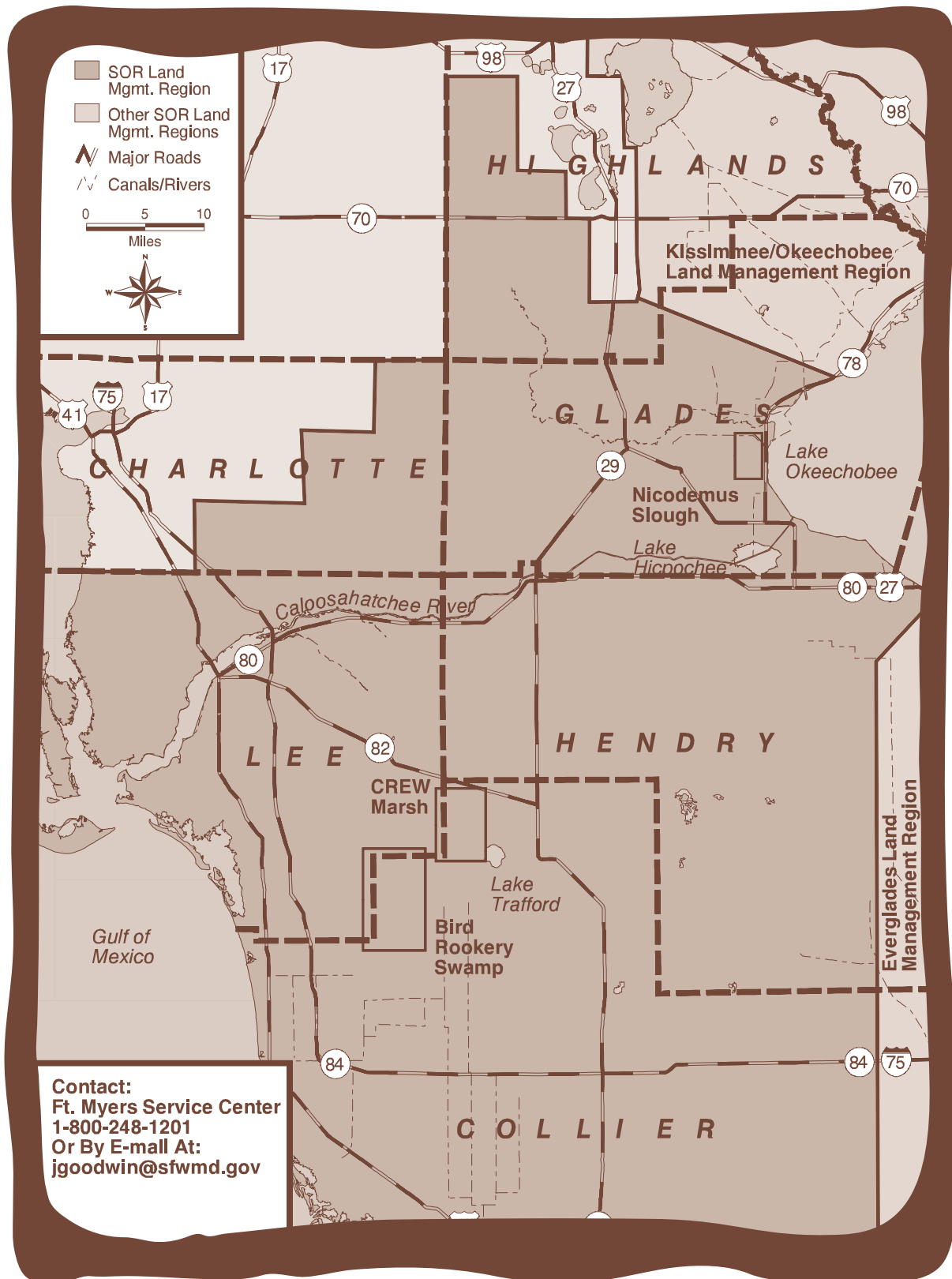






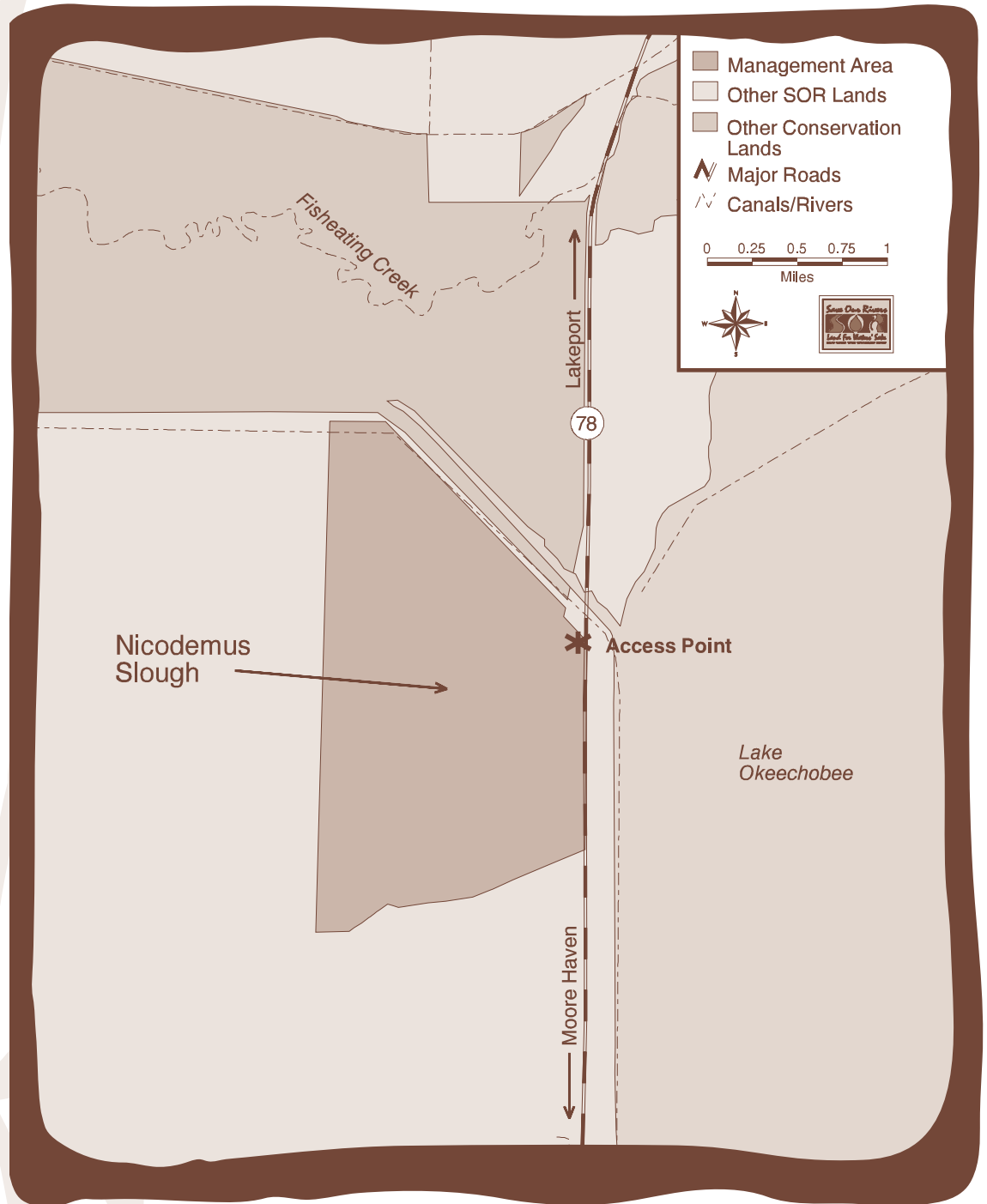


# West Coast Management Region





## Nicodemus Slough, 2,040 Acres



Glades County



The property comprising the Nicodemus Slough Management Area is subject to periodic inundation. It was purchased by the District under legislation that established the Save Our Rivers Program.

Water levels are fluctuated according to a seasonal schedule established by the District for the purpose of revitalizing wetlands within the management area.

Facilities are available for canoeing, fishing, picnicking, and nature observation.

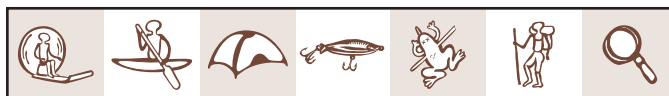
This area is managed by Aim Engineering under a management contract with the District.

No-cost Special Use Licenses may be required for airboating in the area. To obtain a license, call Aim Engineering at (941) 332-4569.

### Special Provisions

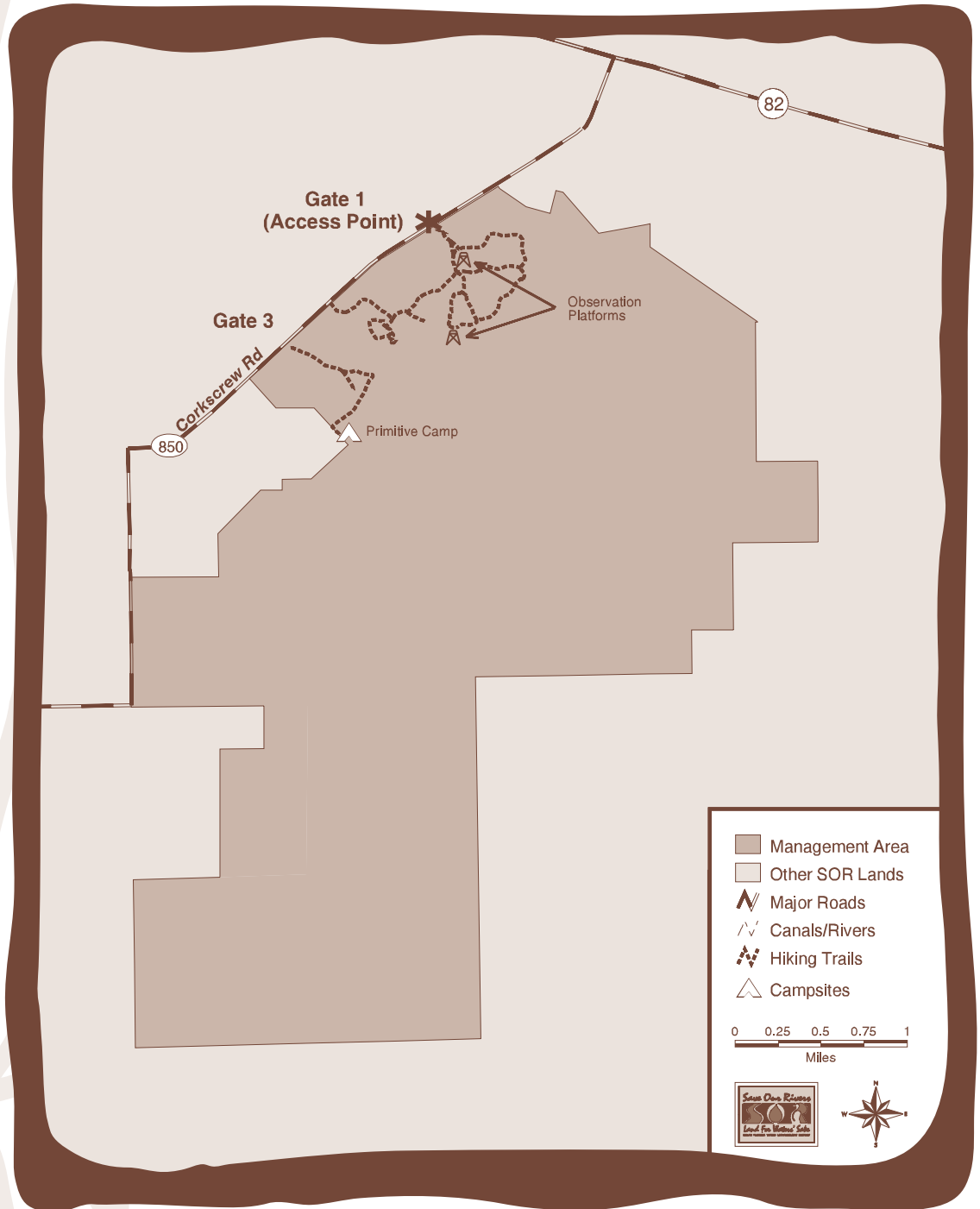
1. Persons may enter the management area each day between sunrise and sunset; nighttime activities other than those specified in Special Provision 3 below are prohibited.
2. Overnight camping is prohibited.
3. Airboating and frogging are permitted on the management area. Airboaters operating on the management area must be in possession of a Special Use License. A quota of 5 airboats per day has been established by the District. A copy of the Special Use License must be displayed in a readily visible location within the licensee's vehicle while parked on the management area.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.
5. The use of motorized vehicles is restricted to the designated access site.

## West Coast Management Region





## Corkscrew Marsh, 7,140 Acres



Collier County



The property comprising the Corkscrew Marsh Management Area was purchased by the District as part of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW).

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is responsible for management and protection of the wildlife and fresh water aquatic life on the CREW properties under an agreement with the District.

For information on the special hog hunt, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (239) 867-3216 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>).

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the CREW field office at (239) 867-3230 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

Information on the status of the management area and applicable rules governing public use may be obtained by calling the CREW Management and Environmental Center at (239) 867-3230.

## Special Provisions

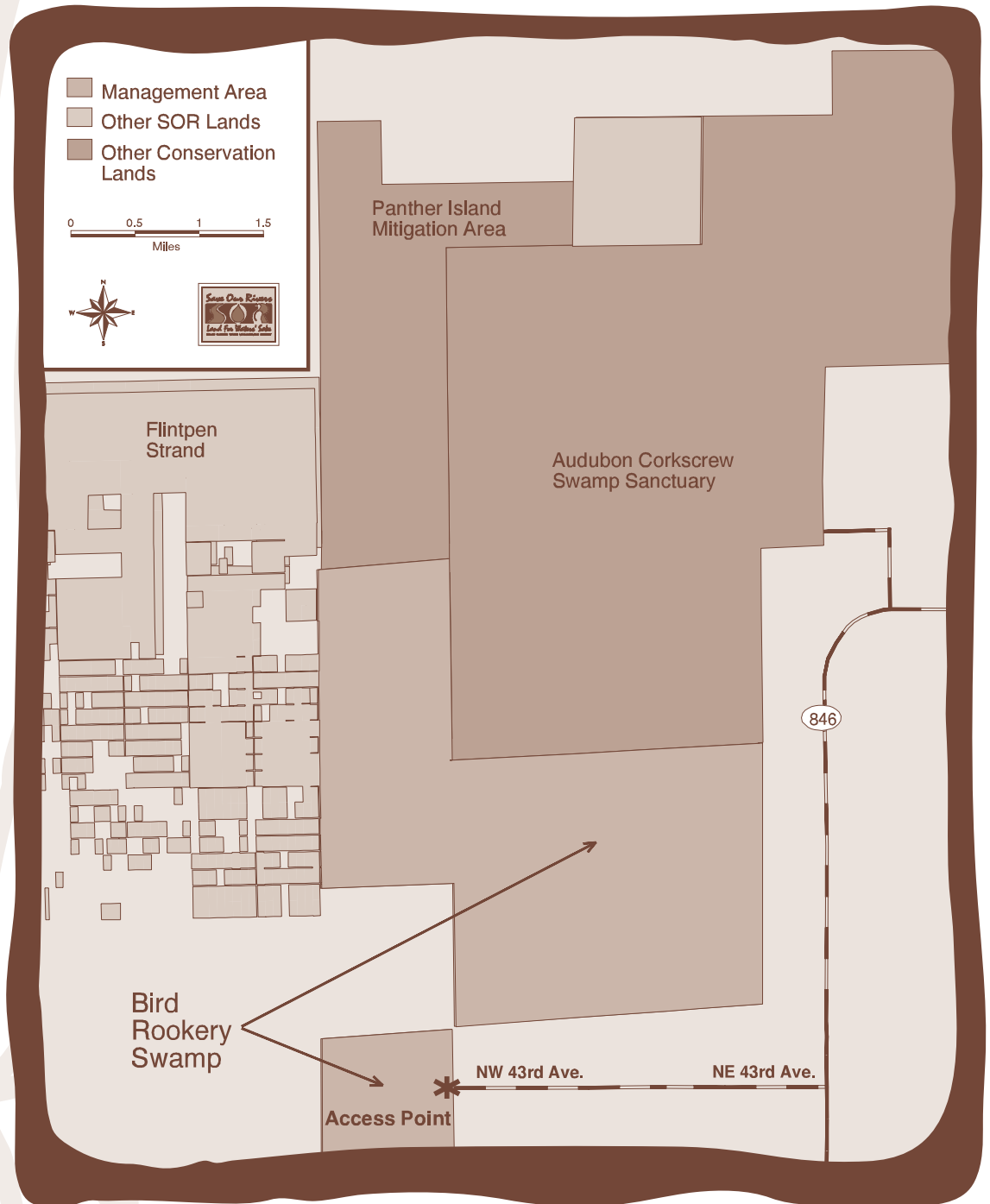
1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter and exit the management area each day between sunrise and sunset from any established trailhead off State Road 850 (Corkscrew Road).
4. Overnight camping is permitted at the designated primitive campsite when in the possession of a Special Use License from the District (See 40E-7.534) or as authorized by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. A quota of 20 people per night has been established by the District for use of the designated campsites. A copy of the special use license must be displayed in a readily visible location within the licensee's vehicle while parked on the management area.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. The use or possession of saddle animals is restricted to designated equestrian trails.
7. Boating, other than kayaking and canoeing, is prohibited.
8. Dogs must be on a leash and under control of the owner at all times.
9. The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.
10. Hunting is restricted to hunting periods authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

# West Coast Management Region





## Bird Rookery Swamp, 5,552 Acres



Collier County





The property comprising the Bird Rookery Swamp Management Area was purchased by the District as part of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW).

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is responsible for management and protection of the wildlife and freshwater aquatic life on the CREW properties under an agreement with the District.

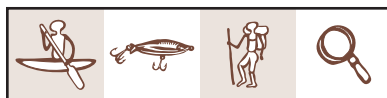
For information on the special hog hunt, please call the Commission at (239) 867-3216.

Information on the status of the management area and the applicable rules and regulations governing public use may be obtained from the CREW Management and Environmental Center at (239) 867-3230.

### Special Provisions

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area on foot at the west end of NW 43 Avenue, Collier County.
4. Airboating is prohibited.
5. Boating, other than kayaking and canoeing, is prohibited.

## West Coast Management Region





## Public Use on District-Owned Lands Managed by other agencies

### **Tibet-Butler Preserve**

Tibet Butler preserve is a 438-acre tract in Orange County, northwest of Orlando on CR 535, that is managed by Orange County Parks and Recreation for environmental education. Facilities include the Vera Carter Environmental Education Center, interpretive hiking trails, and elevated boardwalks. For a current schedule of park hours, call (407) 876-6696 or go online to (<http://parks.OrangeCountyFL.net/ParkDetails.asp?ParkID=39>).

### **Lake Russell Management Unit**

The Lake Russell site covers approximately 500 acres in Osceola County. It contains a mixture of sandpine scrub, mesic flatwoods, and floodplain forest. This area is located on South Port Road approximately one-half mile from Pleasant Hill Road. Osceola County School District has established an Environmental Education Center with hiking trails that are open to the public on weekends. For more information call Osceola County Schools at (407) 847-9108.

### **Lake Walk-in-Water**

Lake Walk-in-Water is a 4,000-acre tract that was jointly acquired by Polk County and the District. The property is managed by Polk County and is open to foot traffic only from sunrise to sunset. A walk-through entrance is located off State Road 60, one-half mile east of Tiger Lake Road. There are no facilities at this time. For more information, call Polk County at (863) 534-7377.

### **Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park**

The District and the state Conservation and Recreation Lands program jointly acquired more than 38,000 acres in Okeechobee County. The property is managed by the state's Division of Recreation and Parks and is open for hiking, horseback riding, bicycling and camping. The preserve is located 5 miles north of the western terminus of Okeechobee County Road 724. The road, which reaches the park, is shell and is not paved. U.S. Highway 441 and Okeechobee County Road 700A intersect County Road 724. The campground is located 5 miles inside the park entrance gate. For more information, call the Preserve at (863) 462-5360 or visit the web site ([www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district3/kissimmeeprairie/index.asp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district3/kissimmeeprairie/index.asp)).

### **Indian River Lagoon**

The District owns, in partnership with St. Lucie County, the state of Florida, and the federal government, approximately 400 acres that extend from the beach to the Indian River. The property is open to swimming, hiking, canoeing, and surf and lagoon fishing. St. Lucie County manages the property. For more information, call the county at (561) 462-1515. In the area, Queen's Island is located 2.5 miles north on North Beach Causeway (A1A) and Blind Creek is located 7 miles south on South Beach Causeway (A1A).



### **North Fork St. Lucie River**

The District owns 428 acres in 7 separate tracts bordering the North Fork St. Lucie River. The Oxbow Eco-Center, an environmental education facility operated by St. Lucie County in Port St. Lucie, has indoor displays and an elevated boardwalk. For more information, call the center at (772) 785-5833 or visit the web site (<http://www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow/index.htm>). St. Lucie County Leisure Services and Department of Environmental Protection Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas separately manage the remaining units. All are open to hiking and river fishing. For information on these two units, call St. Lucie Co. Leisure Services at (772) 462-1515.

### **Atlantic Ridge State Preserve (Jonathan Dickinson State Park)**

The District and state own 5,400 acres of pine flatwoods and wetlands that are managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Environmental Protection. It is anticipated that limited daytime and foot traffic-only will be available by summer 2003. The property has numerous woods roads that can be used for hiking until other trails are established. For more information, call Jonathan Dickinson State Park at (772) 546-2771 or visit (<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district5/jonathandickinson/index.asp>).

### **John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area**

The District and state jointly own 10,300 acres of high quality pine flatwoods and extensive wetlands in Martin and Palm Beach counties. Palm Beach County has purchased an additional 7,000 acres. The Martin County portion is managed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as the John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife Environmental Area. The area is open to hunting, fishing, hiking, and primitive camping. For more information, write the Commission's South Regional Office at 8535 Northlake Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33412, or call (561) 625-5122 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>).

### **Loxahatchee River Northwest Fork**

The District owns more than 1,900 acres along the Loxahatchee River, north of SR 706 (Indiantown Road), that are managed by the State Division of Recreation and Parks as part of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The Loxahatchee River is Florida's only federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The property is open for canoeing and hiking. For more information call the state park at (561) 546-2771 or visit (<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district5/jonathandickinson/index.asp>).

### **Halpatiokee Regional Park**

The District owns 100 acres along the west bank of the South Fork St. Lucie River. Management of the property was transferred to Martin County in early 2003. The property is open to canoeing, hiking, and wilderness camping. For more information, call Martin County Parks and Recreation Department at (772) 288-5690. The area is located at the end of Lost River Road off of SR 76 east of I-95.



### **Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area**

The District owns more than 32,000 acres in Miami-Dade County that is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as the Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA). The area is accessed from Ingraham Highway 10 miles east of the entrance to the Everglades National Park and from U.S. 1 south of Homestead. The property is open to hiking, hunting and airboating. For more information, call FWC at (954) 746-1789 or visit (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>).

### **Okaloacoochee Slough**

The District owns more than 21,000 acres in Hendry and Collier counties. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Division of Forestry own an additional 13,000 adjacent acres. The District's portion is managed by the Division of Forestry (DOF) and is open to hiking and hunting. For hunting information, call the Commission at (561) 625-5122 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>). For other information, call DOF at (863) 612-0776 or visit ([http://www.fl-dof.com/state\\_forests/index.html](http://www.fl-dof.com/state_forests/index.html)).

### **Six Mile Cypress**

The District owns 840 acres within Six Mile Cypress Slough in Lee County, and the county owns an additional 1,036 acres. The property is managed by Lee County Division of Parks and Recreation. The property is located at Six Mile Cypress Road (CR 865) west of Fort Myers. Facilities include an elevated boardwalk. For more information, call Lee County Division of Parks and Recreation at (239) 338-3300 or visit the web site (<http://www.leeparks.org/>).



## Rules and Regulations

### 40E-7.511 Policy and Purpose.

The purpose of the rule in this part is to further implement the legislative intent expressed in Sections 259.101, 373.016(2)(h), 373.1391, 373.1395, and 373.59(11), F.S., and District Land Management Policy 5.001, and therefore, to establish regulations governing public access to certain District lands and use of said lands for outdoor recreational and allied purposes. It is the intent of these regulations to protect the water resources, native plant communities, fish and wildlife populations, and related natural features of these lands together with any cultural improvements thereon.

Nothing contained in these regulations shall be construed as an assurance by the District that said management areas are safe for any purpose, that the District has a duty of care toward any person entering said lands or that the District is responsible for any injuries or damage to persons or property caused by an act or omission of any person who enters said management areas, including invitees, licensees, trespassers or other persons.

*Specific Authority 279.101, 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 F.S. Law Implemented 259.101, 373.016, 373.056, 373.103, 373.1391, 373.1395, 373.59, F.S. History — New 5-24-94. Amended 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

### 40E-7.520 Scope and Applicability.

- (1) Everglades Water Conservation Areas One, Two and Three are exempt and will not be affected or governed by these rules.
- (2) The general regulations contained herein are broad in scope and applicable to all management areas.
- (3) The regulations are applicable to all persons entering upon, using, or visiting said management areas.
- (4) A copy of the regulations contained herein shall be posted at entry points, activity areas, and recreation sites equipped with bulletin boards or otherwise made reasonably available to the public.
- (5) The District shall publish and make available to the public, upon request, a "Public Use Guide for Designated Land Management Areas". The Public Use Guide will be considered by the Governing Board at a public meeting advertised in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S. Only rules adopted by the Governing Board shall be effective. Copies of the Public Use Guide are available during working hours from the District headquarters.
- (6) Consistent with the environmental sensitivity of these areas and the purposes for which the lands were acquired, and all rights, privileges, and protections afforded by the provisions of Section 373.1395, F.S., all management areas (including park areas, other land areas, and

water areas) are hereby deemed open and available to the public for outdoor recreational purposes and access unless otherwise limited, restricted, or prohibited by special provision in this Rule, by specific provision included in the Governing Board's designated boundary change to an existing management area or the Governing Board's creation of a new management area, or as set forth in the Public Use Guide. Nothing in this rule shall prevent other federal, state, or local agencies, including but not limited to those with management contracts with the District, from requiring compliance with their own rules, regulations, or laws to the fullest extent of their lawful authority.

(7) Any signage restricting the use of portions of the management areas (including District land areas, park areas, or water areas) shall only apply to the property or area set forth in or delineated by such signage and a presumption shall exist that all other portions of the management areas (including District lands, park areas and water areas) specifically identified are open and available for outdoor recreational purposes unless otherwise limited, restricted or prohibited by the Governing Board. This provision shall not be construed to impede enforcement of trespass statutes including but not limited to Chapter 810, F.S.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.056, 373.1391, 373.1395, 373.1401, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 11-12-95, 1-7-97, 11-13-97, 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

### 40E-7.521 Definitions.

When used in this part:

- (1) "Activity area" means a zone within a management area designated for specific recreational activities.
- (2) "Access point means a designated location or boundary for public access to a management area.
- (3) "Allied purposes" means other related outdoor activities including, but not limited to, frogging, photography, painting, environmental education, and nature study.
- (4) "Camping" means to use a vehicle, tent or shelter, or to arrange bedding or both with the intent to stay overnight.
- (5) "Designated road" means any road, path, lane, or trail officially designated by name or number for public vehicular travel.
- (6) "Outdoor recreational purposes" means natural resource based outdoor recreational activities including, but not limited to, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, bicycling, swimming, camping, hiking, canoeing, boating, airboating, diving, birding, sailing, jogging, picnicking, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, motorcycling,





and visiting historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites.

(7) “Management area” means:

- (a) Any Save Our Rivers land, other District land, or combination thereof, listed in the Public Use Guide and managed as a single and distinct unit for the purpose of restoring, preserving, and protecting the water and related environmental resources of said area, including regulating the public uses thereon; and
- (b) Any such lands, acquired by the District since the most recent update of the Public Use Guide and designated by the Governing Board as a boundary change of contiguous lands to an existing management area, or by the creation of a new management area.

(8) “Management Unit means a portion of any Save Our Rivers land or other District land within a management area that requires a specific public use regulation due to legal, cultural or environmental factors uniquely affecting the specific unit of land, but which is not applicable to the entire management area.

(9) “Natural Resources” mean water, soils, flora, and fauna.

(10) “Primitive Camping” means no amenities are provided.

(11) “Public Use Guide” means the document updated and approved Bi-annually by the Board which sets forth management areas, the general rules and regulations governing public use, and any special provisions applicable thereto, and shall also include periodic supplements as to those management area lands referenced in 40E-7.521(6)(b), above.

(12) “Recreation site” means an improved or unimproved site established to facilitate public use of a designated management area.

(13) “Recreational trail” means riding, hiking, canoeing, bicycling, or jogging trails for use by the public.

(14) “Saddle animal” means any animal used to transport a person or property.

*Specific Authority 373.019, 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.056, 373.069, 373.0693, 373.073, 373.079, 373.083, 373.103, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended, 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.523 Access to Management Areas; Closures.**

(1) Access to management areas by the general public is only authorized at designated entry points. Designated entry points for specific management areas shall be set forth in the Public Use Guide, or by specific provisions included in the Governing Board’s designated boundary change to an existing management area or the Governing Board’s creation of a new management area or management unit.

(2) Management areas or portions of management areas shall be closed to public use under the following conditions:

(a) When necessary for public safety such as during wildfires or prescribed burns.

(b) When necessary during emergency conditions such as floods severe weather events, or wildfire danger for public safety and the protection of natural resources. Such closures shall require the approval of the Executive Director and concurrence of the Governing Board. In no event shall such closures exceed thirty (30) days duration absent reconsideration and approval by the Governing Board.

(c) When necessary, in the District’s judgement, based upon available information at the time, on a temporary, seasonal or permanent basis to protect natural, historic or archaeological resources. Such closures, to the extent they exceed thirty (30) days, shall require advance public notice and approval by the Governing Board.

(d) When necessary for construction, operation or maintenance activities, such as the Kissimmee River restoration project.

(3) Temporary closures of management areas or portions of management areas will be posted at authorized points of entry to said areas.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.119, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended — 1-01-01. Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.525 Use of Vehicles, Airboats, and Aircraft; Navigational Restrictions.**

(1) Vehicular travel within management areas is limited to the operation of vehicles licensed for highway use by licensed drivers on designated roads unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) Management areas or portions of management areas open to off-road travel by licensed or unlicensed swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, and other types of off-road or all terrain vehicles, shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(3) Under Section 316.192, F.S., driving a vehicle in willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is reckless driving. Pursuant to Section 316.1925, F.S., any persons who drive vehicles on management areas shall drive in a careful and prudent manner, having regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic and all other attendant circumstances, so as not to endanger the life, limb or property of any person. Failure to drive in such a manner is punishable under Section 316.655, F.S.

(4) Motorized vehicle operators shall comply with posted speed limits on management area roads. If no speed limit is posted, the speed





limit is 20 mph. Speed limits are not applicable to airboats and off-road vehicles, except when the latter are operated on management area roads.

(5) Bicycles, horse-drawn carriages and buggies are considered motorized vehicles for the purpose of this rule except that the operators of these conveyances are not required to possess a valid driver's license.

(6) Saddle animals are not considered to be vehicles for the purpose of this rule.

(7) Airboats may be operated in management area floodplains and littoral zones unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(8) The take off or landing of either motorized or non-motorized conventional or model aircraft such as airplanes, helicopters, ultra lights, gliders, and hang gliders, on management units is prohibited unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(9) Any restrictions to navigation established pursuant to state or federal law, applicable to management areas, shall be specified in the Public Use Guide and reasonably identified in the field by appropriate signs.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 316.192, 316.1925, 316.655, 373.016, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.526 Equestrian Activities; Use of Saddle Animals.**

(1) Management areas open to equestrian activities and the use of saddle animals shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) Where authorized, the use of horses and other saddle animals shall be permitted on all designated roads, other roads, firebreaks, dikes, and ditch banks unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(3) The use of saddle animals on designated hiking trails shall be prohibited.

(4) Saddle animals on District owned land must possess proof of negative Coggins test.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 316.192, 316.1925, 316.655, 373.016, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.527 Hunting; Possession and Use of Firearms.**

(1) Consistent with Chapter 790, F.S., and other applicable provisions of local, state and federal law, such as the rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, hunting, unlawful possession, discharge, and use of firearms, archery equipment, trapping devices and the releasing of free-running hunting dogs are prohibited on management areas unless the land is opened as a

public hunting area and these uses are authorized in the specific public hunting area regulations.

(2) Public hunting on management areas is administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the District. If a public hunting area is included in a management area, it shall be posted as prescribed by Chapter 810, F.S. Management areas currently established as public hunt areas are noticed in the Public Use Guide.

(3) Public hunting areas shall only be established on management areas with approval of the Board. Board approval shall be given at a public meeting, which shall be advertised as required by Chapter 120, F.S. The District may enter into management agreements with the entity to be responsible for managing the public hunting on the management area. Agreements between the District and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are considered to be authorizations to remove designated game species. The agreements will be available at the District headquarters for review by the public.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.1391, 373.1401, 373.59, 790, 810.09, F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 9-14-00, 1-01-01, Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.529 Overnight Camping.**

(1) Overnight, primitive camping on management areas is permitted unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) Any restrictions applicable to overnight camping shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(3) Designated campsites and amenities within specific management areas shall be specified in the Public Use Guide and reasonably identified in the field by appropriate signs or markers.

(4) Overnight camping or the presence of camping equipment shall be limited to five (5) consecutive days, unless authorized by Special Use License.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 11-13-97, 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.532 Operating Hours.**

Management areas shall be open to public use twenty-four (24) hours a day except during authorized closures as set forth in subsection 40E-7.523(2) above or unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.119, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94.*



#### 40E-7.534 Special Use Licenses.

(1) A Special Use License, issued at no cost to the public, shall be required to engage in select activities on management areas identified by the Governing Board during the BI-annual update of the Public Use Guide, as set forth in subsection 40E-7.521(9), above, when determined necessary to protect the natural resources of said areas, prevent overuse of facilities, or to avoid conflicts between users. Management Areas with Special Use License requirements, including the daily quota for each management area, shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) A Special Use Application and License shall be submitted to the District on Form #0830. Upon receipt of a properly completed Special Use Application and License Form #0830, the District's Division of Land Stewardship shall issue Special Use Licenses on a first come first served basis until the daily quota established by the District for that activity is reached.

(3) Special Use Licenses shall only be valid for the dates shown on the License and must be in the possession of the applicant while on the management area. If the applicant is a group, then the license must be in the possession of the designated group leader.

(4) Persons wishing to obtain a Special Use License, when required by the District, may apply in person, call, or write to request a copy of Special Use Application and License Form #0830 from the District at the following:

(a) Division of Land Stewardship  
South Florida Water Management District  
Post Office Box 24680  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680  
Telephone: (516) 686-8800 or Florida WATS 1-800-432-2045,  
or

(b) From the applicable service center as set forth in the special provisions for the specific management area, or

(c) From the District's web site: [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)

(5) In the event the daily quota has been reached, the District shall notify the Special Use License applicant that the District intends to deny the application, and the applicant may request further consideration by the Governing Board.

(6) The Executive Director, or his designee, shall revoke a Special Use License if the licensee violates any provisions of this Rule or the Special Use License.

(7) Special Use Licenses shall be issued by the District's Land Stewardship Department in accordance with the provisions of this section, for the purpose of providing mobility impaired persons the opportunity to use motorized vehicles to access portions of the

management areas not otherwise open to motorized vehicles. Licenses for this purpose will be issued upon request, including proof of mobility impairment, as long as the requested use will not adversely impact the resource, impair the safety and welfare of the user, interfere with the reasonable use by others, or result in substantial financial obligations by the District to accommodate the user. Mobility impaired hunting permits shall be issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(8) Any person prohibited from entering onto District land by a court order shall not be eligible to apply for a Special Use License, during the prohibition period.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98, 1-01-01, Amended 1-5-03*

#### 40E-7.537 General Prohibitions.

The following shall be prohibited on all management areas:

(1) Parking a motor vehicle in an unauthorized location or in a manner blocking roads, levees, maintenance berms, gates, or water control structures.

(2) Discharging firecrackers, rockets, or any other fireworks.

(3) Pets, other than leashed dogs and service animals under the control of the owner. This prohibition does not apply to hunting dogs utilized in conjunction with an approved hunting program where the use of dogs is permitted.

(4) Destroying, defacing, or removing any natural feature or native plant, including the felling of dead trees.

(5) Destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, or disturbing in any manner any public building, tower, recorder, gage, sign, gate, fence, equipment, monument, marker, or other structure or improvement.

(6) Destroying or damaging scientific study plots, photo points, transect lines, or survey markers.

(7) Trespassing on, operating, or interfering with the operation of water control structures.

(8) Discharging or disposing of oil, gasoline, or other chemicals and wastes.

(9) Servicing or maintaining vehicles and equipment except when in conjunction with authorized recreational activities and allied purposes.

(10) Disposing of any garbage, including paper, cans, bottles, waste materials, and rubbish other than in containers provided for such disposition.

(11) Draining or dumping refuse or waste from any travel trailer, camper, mobile home or recreation vehicle other than in places or receptacles designated for such use.



(12) Cleaning fish, game, or food at potable watering stations or in rest rooms, or washing clothing or articles of household use at such facilities.

(13) Using refuse containers or other refuse facilities for disposal of household or commercial garbage or trash.

(14) Installing, erecting, or maintaining any unauthorized camp, building, structure, or sign.

(15) Building a fire other than in an authorized campsite or picnic area or outside of grills, fireplaces, or fire rings provided by the District or other authorized management agency for such purpose. This prohibition does not apply to portable campstoves or grills provided by the user.

(16) Selling or offering for sale any merchandise without the prior written consent of the District's Governing Board. Requests to the District for consent shall be made in writing, directed to the Land Stewardship Division — Land Management Department, and shall be submitted not less than 28 days prior to the regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting for consideration. Consideration to such consent shall be given at a regularly scheduled meeting of the District's Governing Board. Although the Board's analysis of requests to sell merchandise within a management area is primarily site specific in nature, consideration shall be given to such factors as: immediate and potential impact on the environment, immediate and potential impact on members of the public using the management area, the size of the management area in relation to the area impacted by the proposed sale, and overall benefits to the public.

(17) Operating bicycles on trails closed to such use.

(18) Erecting or maintaining tree stands on District lands more than 10 days before or more than 10 days after any authorized hunting season.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03*

#### **40E-7.538 Establishment of South Florida Water Management District Management Areas Open to the Public.**

The South Florida Water Management District does hereby establish the following areas as Management Areas that are open to the public for outdoor recreational purposes under the General and Specific Rules of the District, located in Chapter 40E-7, F.A.C., and under Rules and Ordinances of cooperating management entities.

(1) Tibet Butler Management Area located in Orange County

(a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Regulations of the Orange County Parks and Recreation Department and Orange County Ordinance.

(b) District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Orange County Parks and Recreation Department and Orange County Ordinance.

(2) Shingle Creek Management Area located in Osceola and Orange Counties.

(a) Persons may enter the management area at designated access points.

(b) The use and possession of a bicycle is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.

(c) Hunting is prohibited.

(d) Camping is prohibited.

(e) Airboating is prohibited.

(f) The use and possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

(3) Lake Marion Creek Management Area located in Osceola and Polk Counties.

(a) Certain public uses of the management area are governed primarily by Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(b) District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(c) Persons may enter the management area on foot at designated access points off County Road 580, Horseshoe Creek Road, Lake Marion Creek Road and at Baltic Court. Motorized vehicle access is allowed via Huckleberry Island Road, during the established hunting season.

(d) The use or possession of a bicycle is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.

(e) Overnight camping at designated campsites is permitted, during non-hunting season, only when in the possession of a Special Use License.

(f) Airboating is prohibited.

(g) The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

(4) Lake Walk-In-Water Management Area located in Polk County

(a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Polk County Ordinance.

(b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Polk County Ordinance.

(5) Lower Reedy Creek Management Area located in Osceola and Polk Counties.

(a) Lake Russell Management Unit

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Rules of the Osceola County School Board and Osceola County Ordinance.



2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Rules of the Osceola County School Board and Osceola County Ordinance.

3. Airboating is prohibited.

4. Hunting is prohibited

5. Vehicular travel is permitted only on the entrance roadway, or as authorized by Special Use License.

(b) Rough Island North and South and Johnson Island Units

1. Hunting is prohibited beyond the restricted area signs.

2. Airboating is prohibited beyond the restricted area signs.

3. Foot travel only is permitted beyond the restricted area signs.

4. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.

5. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.

6. Notwithstanding provisions I through IV above, all public access is prohibited within the posted closed protection zone generally located above the divergence of Reedy Creek and the Dead River.

7. Seasonal public access to the Rough Island North limited access area is permitted from August 16 to February 14 only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., via the airboat gate. Users of this area must be in possession of a Special Use License. A quota of fifty (50) annual licenses has been established for this area. Annual licenses are available after June 1st of each year.

(6) Upper Reedy Creek Management Area

(a) Intercession City Management Unit

1. Persons may enter the management unit on foot at the designated access point on Wile Avenue.

2. Hunting is prohibited

3. Airboating is prohibited.

4. Overnight camping is prohibited.

5. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

6. The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.

(b) Poinciana Management Unit

1. Persons may enter the management unit on foot at the designated access point on Burnly Court.

2. Hunting is prohibited.

3. Airboating is prohibited.

4. Overnight camping is prohibited.

5. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

6. The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.

(c) Reedy Creek Unit

1. Persons may enter the management unit on foot at the designated access point on Poinciana Boulevard.

2. Hunting is prohibited.

3. Airboating is prohibited.

4. Overnight camping is prohibited.

5. The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

6. The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.

(7) Catfish Creek Management Area located in Polk County

(a) Persons shall enter and exit the management area from Lake Hatchineha.

(b) Hunting is permitted and regulated by state law and regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(c) Airboating is prohibited only within upland hammock areas and is regulated by state law and Polk County ordinance.

(d) The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited

(e) The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.

(f) Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited.

(8) Lake Kissimmee Management Area located in Osceola and Polk Counties

(a) Persons may enter the management area from Lake Cypress, Lake Hatchineha, Lake Kissimmee, Canal 36 and from Thomas Landing Road.

(b) Airboating: is prohibited beyond the restricted area signs, and on or across improved roadways or within hammock areas, except that airboats may cross the main grade at the designated crossing points, in the Gardner Cobb Marsh Unit.

(c) The use or possession of a saddle animal is allowed when in the possession of a Special Use License.

(d) Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited.

(e) The use or possession of a bicycle is permitted only when in possession of a Special Use License.

(f) The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.





(9) Lower Kissimmee River Management Area located in Polk, Osceola, Highlands, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties.

(a) KICCO Management Unit

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Wildlife Management Area Type I Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Overnight camping is permitted at designated campsites only when in the possession of a Special Use License or a Quota Hunt Permit.
5. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Public Hunts.
6. The use or possession of a bicycle is permitted on the main shellrock road.
7. The use or possession of a saddle animal is allowed when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. Airboating is prohibited.

(b) Hickory Hammock Management Unit

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Wildlife Management Area Type I Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
5. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in the possession of a Special Use License or a Quota Hunt Permit.
6. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except on named and numbered roads or as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
7. The use or possession of a bicycle is permitted when in possession of a Special Use License.

8. The use or possession of a saddle animal is permitted when in possession of a Special Use License.

(c) Pool A-East, Pool C, Pool D, Pool E, and Paradise Run Management Units

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Public Use Area Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Hunting is prohibited within posted safety zones.
5. Hunting is permitted only within areas established as Wildlife Management Areas or Public Use Areas by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
6. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
7. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
9. Bicycling is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
10. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
11. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.

(10) Kissimmee Prairie Ecosystem Management Area located in Okeechobee County.

- (a) Public use of the management area is governed by Regulations of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- (b) District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(11) Atlantic Ridge Management Area

- (a) Public use of this area is governed by Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks.



(b) District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection.

(12) Loxahatchee River Management Area located in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

(a) Northwest Fork Management Unit

1. Public use of the management area is governed by Regulations of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Jonathan Dickinson State Park.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(b) Riverbend Management Unit

1. Public use of the management area is governed by Regulations of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and Palm Beach County Ordinance.
2. District Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and Palm Beach County Ordinance.

(13) Hungryland Slough Wildlife Management Area

- (a) Public use of this management area is governed by Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(14) DuPuis Management Area located in Martin and Palm Beach Counties

- (a) Certain public uses of the management area are governed by Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (c) The use or possession of saddle animals is restricted to the equestrian center, designated equestrian trails, and named or numbered roads.
- (d) Use of the Dupuis Management Area is restricted during hunting periods authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (e) Airboating is prohibited.
- (f) Frogging is prohibited.

(g) Motorized vehicles, horse buggies and bicycles are allowed on named and numbered roads and designated parking areas only.

(h) The use of off road vehicles is restricted to the designated disabled hunt in accordance with Commission Regulations.

(i) User registration is required to enter and use the DuPuis Management Area. Self-serve registration stations are located at the designated entry points; gates 1, 2, and 3.

(j) No dogs are allowed on DuPuis except as authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(k) Camping at the family campsite:

1. Is only allowed at designated campsites.
2. Only tent camping or tent popup camping is allowed.
3. A maximum of 8 people and 2 vehicles are allowed per campsite.
4. Generators are not allowed.

(l) The use of the group campsite is available by Special Use License.

(m) Camping is not allowed at the Governor's House.

(15) Everglades Buffer Strip Management Area located Broward County

- (a) Persons may enter the management area on foot from U.S. Highway 27 or along the existing FP&L access road at the north end of the area.
- (b) Overnight camping is prohibited.
- (c) Hunting is prohibited.
- (d) Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- (e) Airboating is prohibited.
- (f) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(16) Southern Glades Management Area located in Dade County

- (a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(17) Crew Marsh Management Area located in Lee and Collier Counties

- (a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to





Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(c) Persons may enter and exit the management area each day between sunrise and sunset from any established trailhead off State Road 850 (Corkscrew Road).

(d) Overnight camping is permitted at the designated primitive campsite when in the possession of a Special Use License from the District (See 40E-7.534) or as authorized by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. A quota of twenty (20) persons per night has been established by the District for use of the designated campsites. A copy of the special use license must be displayed in a readily visible location within the licensee's vehicle while parked on the management area.

(e) Airboating is prohibited.

(f) The use or possession of saddle animals is restricted to designated equestrian trails.

(g) Boating, other than kayaking and canoeing, is prohibited.

(h) Dogs must be on a leash and under control of the owner at all times.

(i) The use or possession of a bicycle is prohibited.

(j) Hunting is restricted to hunting periods authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

**(18) Bird Rookery Swamp Management Area located in Collier County**

(a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(c) Persons may enter the management area on foot at the west end of NW 43 Avenue, Collier County.

(d) Airboating is prohibited.

(e) Boating, other than kayaking and canoeing, is prohibited.

**(19) Okaloacoochee Slough Management Area located in Hendry County**

(a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Regulations of the Florida Division of Forestry.

(b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Florida Division of Forestry.

**(20) Six Mile Cypress Management Area located in Lee County**

(a) Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Regulations of the Lee County Parks and Recreation

Department and Lee County Ordinance.

(b) The District's Public Use Rules are supplemental to Regulations of the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department and Lee County Ordinance.

**(21) Nicodemus Slough Management Area located in Glades County**

(a) Persons may enter the management area each day between sunrise and sunset; nighttime activities other than those specified in Special Provision 23 (c) below are prohibited.

(b) Overnight camping is prohibited.

(c) Airboating and frogging are permitted on the management area. Airboaters operating on the management area must be in possession of a Special Use License. A quota of five airboats per day has been established by the District. A copy of the Special Use License must be displayed in a readily visible location within the licensee's vehicle while parked on the management area.

(d) Hunting is prohibited.

(e) The use or possession of a saddle animal is prohibited.

(f) The use of motorized vehicles is restricted to the designated access site.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.1391, 373.59 F.S. History — New — 1-01-01, Amended 1-5-03*

**40E-7.539 Penalties.**

(1) Pursuant to Section 373.609, F.S., it shall be the duty of every state and county attorney, sheriff, police officer, and the appropriate city and county official to assist the District, and their agents, in the enforcement of the provisions of this rule.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this rule is subject to eviction from the premises and/or arrest and prosecution for a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in Section 775.082, or Section 775.083, F.S.

(3) The penalties identified in these rules do not supersede other penalties or options available to District such as civil remedies.

*Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.129, 373.1391, 373.59, 373.609, 373.613, F.S. History — New 5-24-94. Amended 9-10-98, Amended 1-5-03 ■*



## South Florida Water Management District SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND LICENSE

*(To be completed by Applicant)*

Applicant's Name		
Vehicle License Number		
Drivers License Number		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Telephone Number (including area code)		
Request permission to enter the		
Management Area for the purpose of		
Date(s)	From:	To:
Name of other participating in this activity (if more than one or a group):		

*(for District use only)*

Number in party	
License issued on	
License effective on	
License void on	
Lock combination	

Signature of Authorizing District Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

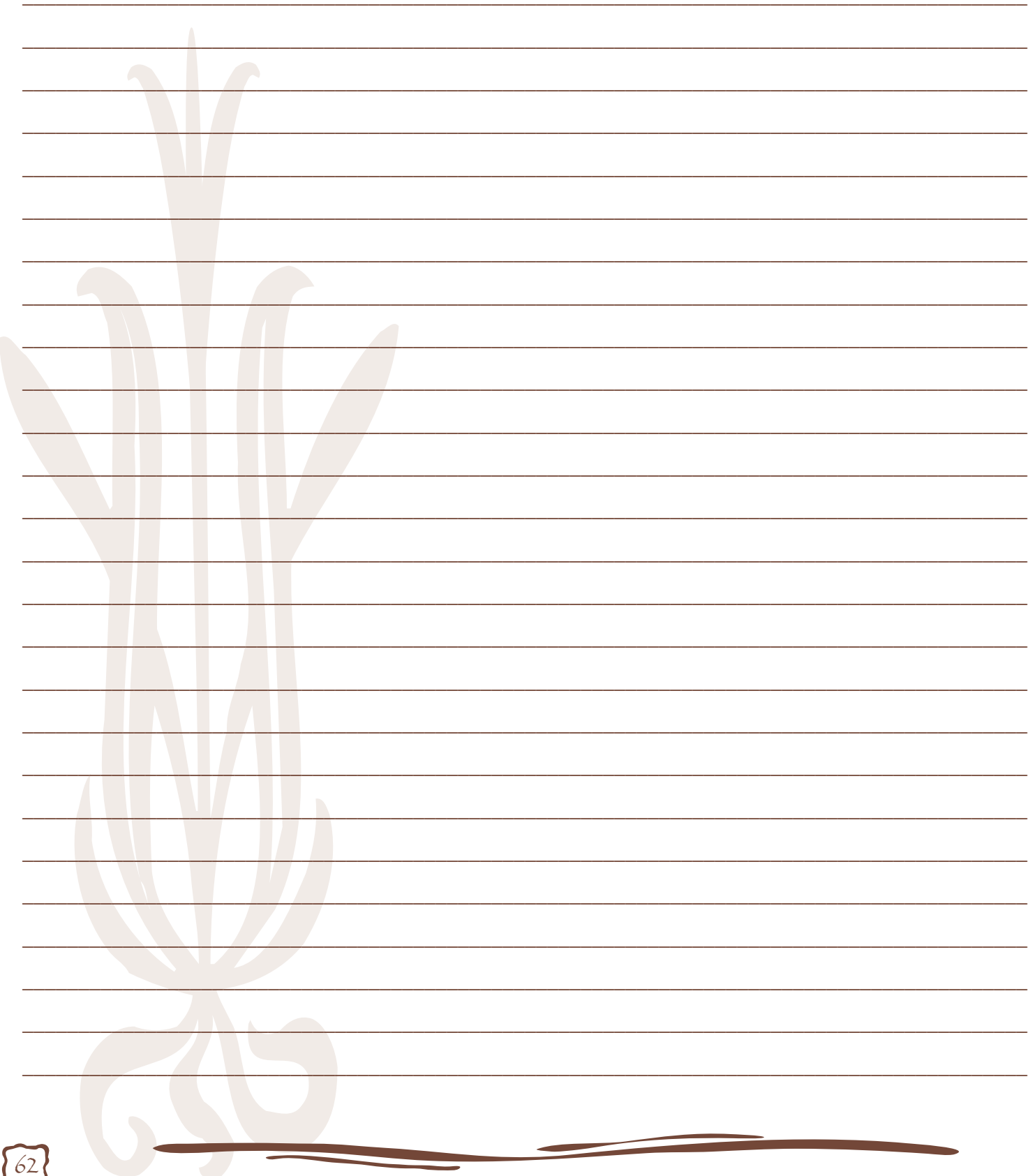


Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

A faint, stylized illustration of a plant with long, thin leaves and a central stem, positioned on the right side of the page. The plant has a central vertical stem with several long, narrow, lanceolate leaves extending from it. At the top, there are three small, curved, leaf-like structures. The entire illustration is rendered in a light beige or tan color, matching the background's subtle pattern.



Notes: \_\_\_\_\_





Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

A faint, stylized illustration of a plant with long, slender leaves and a central stem, positioned on the right side of the page. The plant has a central vertical stem with several long, narrow, lanceolate leaves extending from it. At the top, there are three small, curved, hook-like structures. The entire illustration is rendered in a light, muted green color.

Look for some of these other  
publications on public use areas!



Come  
out  
and  
play



South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road • West Palm Beach, Florida 33406  
561-686-8800 • FL WATS 1-800-432-2045 • [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)  
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 24680 • West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

[sfwmd.gov](http://sfwmd.gov)